

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for. Attach additional pages or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: White-winged Scoter - Melanitta deglandi

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One female vs juvenile male.

3. Parish: St. Mary

Specific Locality: Bayou Teche NWR near Franklin , LA. Specific location of bird=> (29.749388, -91.465297).

4. Date(s) when observed: 01/01/2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:17AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: William Matthews

Address: 1217 Bluewater Dr.

City: Mandeville State: LA

318-801-5034

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): eBird shows 13 separate observations starting 12/26/2021 prior to this observation, and 16 observations subsequently.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good. Bird in good light and not backlit.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Binoculars: Swarovski 10x50 EL in good condition.

Spotting Scope: Bushnell Elite 20-60x 80mm scope in good condition.

Camera; Canon D7 with 100-400 zoom lens in good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): Variable as close as ~50m out to ~200m.

12. Duration of observation: ~15min

13. Habitat: Borrow pit lake bordered by fields to the N & treeline to the S. Body of water dimensions ~ 120m across by 550m wide.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Swimming and feeding occasionally diving for mollusks. Bird never flew.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species; body bulk, shape, proportions; bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): Large dark brownish/gray diving duck with triangular head and whitish preorbital and postorbital patches. Bill blackish without a knob. White wing patches poorly visible except when bird preening.

16. Voice: Nonvocal.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):BLSC smaller and less bulky than WWSC, has no white wing secondaries and head is not uniform color (dark above lighter facial coloring). SUSC female is likewise shorter with less wingspan than WWSC and preorbital patch is vertical and not oval. SUSC with dark secondaries (no white wing patches). Other diving ducks (scaup eg) significantly smaller than WWSC.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: 2 separate observations in February 2014 on Chatham Lake, 1 observation in March 2019 E of Port Fourchon & a single observation on Lake Pontchartrain in February 2020.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: Sibley App.

b. after observation: Sibley Guide; Cornell Birds of the World.

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. No	Are notes attached? N/A
notes made after the observation. NO	At what date? N/A
memory YES	
study of images YES	

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: YES

23. Date: 03/09/2022

Time: 03:11PM



24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____

