

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):
Age and sex unknown but think it's a female cause it had 2 white patches on sides of head.
3. Parish: St. Mary Parish, Pond in Bayou Teche Wildlife Refuge off Alice C Road
Specific Locality: 29°44'57.9"N 91°27'55.3"W
4. Date(s) when observed: 12.31.2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:50am
6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, 5051 Bridgeport Way, Houma, LA 70360
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Terence Skelton
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
None with us but bird was originally found by LeeAnn Hepler on 12/26/2021 and seen daily by others since up to 1.1.2022
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Morning light behind me and in front of bird.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Nikon Coolpix B600 Camera, 60X Zoom), Nikon Prostaff 3S Binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s): Varied from 50 feet to 200 feet estimated

12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes

13. Habitat: pond, little vegetation in pond, surrounded by trees

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was mostly swimming in close proximity to 4 Lesser Scaups. At times they swam closer to the shore and all dove. Never saw what they came up with assuming eaten below the surface.

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*):

Much larger than Lesser Scaup it was swimming with. Has very large beak and 2 white spots on sides of head, white on wing edge.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Larger than Lesser Scaup it was swimming with. Has very large beak and white spots on head, white on wing edge

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

Photos by me, Kathy Rhodes

19. Previous experience with this species: I found a White Winged Scoter before in Terrebonne Parish in Point Aux Chenes on March 5, 2019 so I was familiar with the bird.

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

None, familiar with bird but bird was previously identified

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: None

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 1.1.2022

Time: 3:22pm

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?

_____ Yes _____

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









