

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: White-winged Scoter /*Melanitta deglandi*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
2 female type
3. Parish:
Cameron parish
4. Specific Locality:
29.7698333, -93.4643056 (Holly beach west)
5. Date(s) when observed: January 25, 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Approximately 9:20 am (observed during a mile transect between 9-9:40 am)
7. Reporting observer: Charlotte Chehotsky
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
N/A
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
N/A
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): 85% cloud cover, winds ESE@ 16mph. Birds flying fast along shoreline west to east
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Visually saw birds flying towards me and photographed with a Nikon coolpix p1000
12. Distance to bird(s): 20 feet
13. Duration of observation: <1.5 minutes
14. Habitat: The Cameron coast

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

16. 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):

Dark sea duck, rapid (wing beats), low and direct flight. Birds had bright white speculums that distinguishes it from the other two sea ducks that can be found in this area.

17. Voice: N/A

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
BLSC and SUSC. WWSC has the white speculum

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Yes (photographed by myself) yes attached

20. Previous experience with this species: Yes

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
Recognized from previous sightings and study

22. Identification aids used when?
None used

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

24. Date report completed:
02/17/2025

25. 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

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





