

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Larus marinus Great black-backed Gull
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage):
3. Locality: Louisiana: New Orleans Parish: Jefferson
4. Date(s) when seen: Mar 29, 1982
5. Times of day when seen: 8 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address:
Robert D. Purrington, Physics Dept., Tulane University
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): 3/29/82 Mac Myers, David Muth, m.ob. slight overcast, sun at 90°
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x50 binoculars, 30X Balscope Sr
11. Distance to bird: 35-40yds
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific): breakwater at Seabrook Bridge, L. Pontchartrain
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): resting
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):
Large (15-20% larger than ^{any of the} nearby Herring Gulls), very heavy (massive) black bill. Head and breast very light, nearly white. Wings ^{with} a checkered grayish pattern. Legs rather bright flesh color. Tail not seen.
1st winter plumage

Note:

This is the third Lx record, a
second sight record, all winter 81-82.

It is not inconceivable that this and
the one seen by this observer & others
on February 28 are the same individual.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

by Mae Myers March 28

19. Previous experience with this species:

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation;

none

b) after observation:

21. This description written from _____ notes made during observation; _____ notes
made after observation; memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter:

24. Date and time of writing this account:

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Lake Pontchartrain at Scabrook Bridge
4. Date(s) when seen: 28 Mar. 1982, 29 Mar. 1982.
5. Times of day when seen: 28 Mar. - mid afternoon; 29 Mar. off-and-on throughout the day
6. Reporting observer and address: B. Mac Myers III 730 Frenchmen St.
 New Orleans, LA 70116
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
 D. Muth, J. Reinohl, M. Braun, W. Gley, B. Crider, et al.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
 R. D. Purrington
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): good light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
 10x50 binocs, 22x60 scope, Questar
11. Distance to bird: appx. 70 yds.
12. Duration of observation: several hours
13. Habitat (general and specific):
 concrete breakwater
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): standing, sitting, flying, swimming, preening.
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):
 see copy of field notes.

16. Voice: *not noted*
17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):
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18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):
yes by Myers; attached.
19. Previous experience with this species:
saw many in maritime Canada summer of 1981.
20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification
a) at time of observation; *Peterson, Robbins*
b) after observation: *standard field guides (incl. European), article from British Birds, etc.*
21. This description written from: X notes made during observation; _____ notes made after observation; _____ memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification? YES. If not, explain:
23. Signature of reporter: *Buford W. Myers III*
24. Date and time of writing this account:
22 April 1982, 12 P.M.

B. Mac.
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28 Mar. 1982
29 Mar. 1982

Great Black-backed Gull Larus marinus

Louisiana; Orleans Parish; Lake Pontchartrain at
Seabrook Bridge.

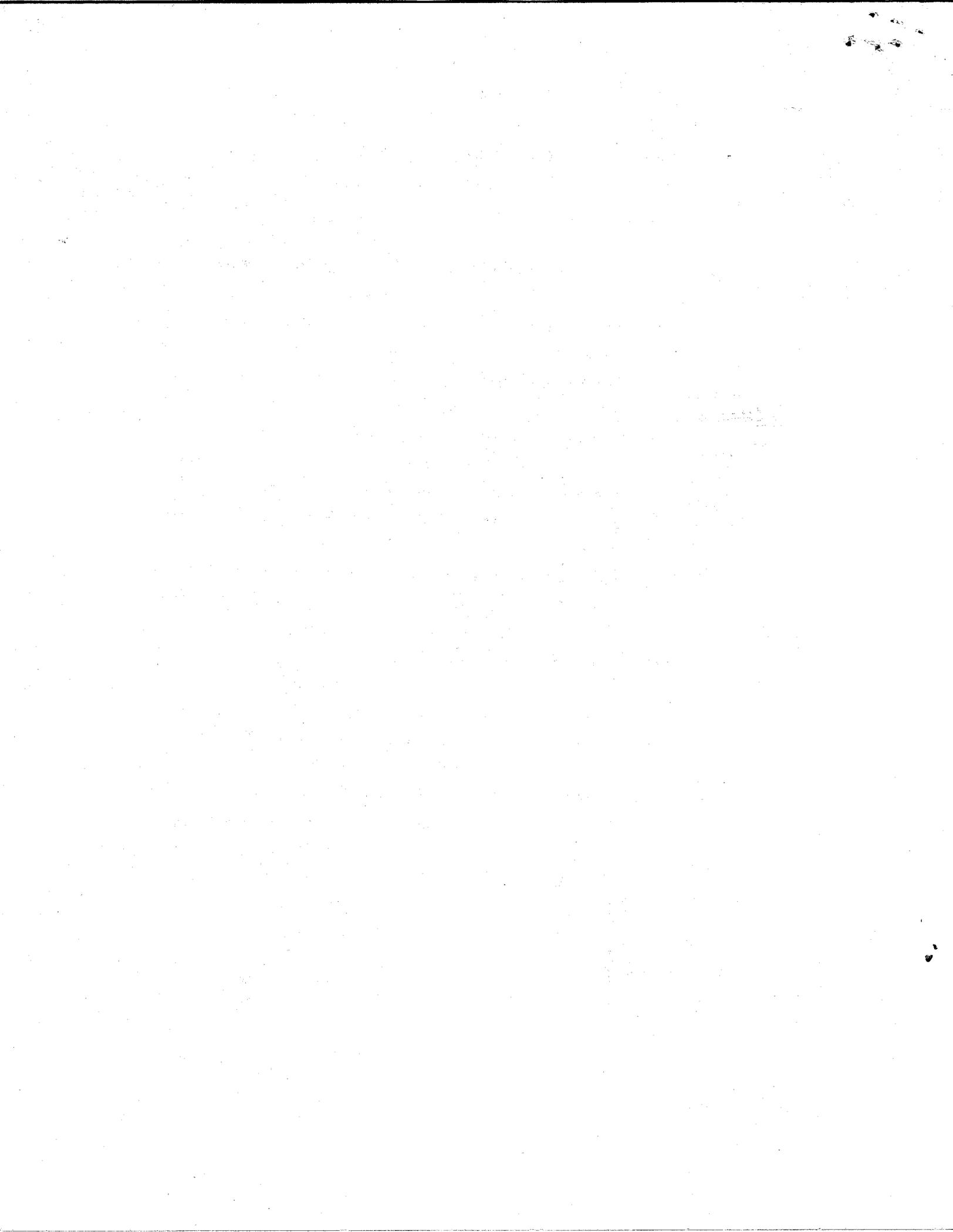
The bird was in first winter plumage; it was sitting with Herring, Laughing and Ring-billed gulls on the breakwater about 70 yds. away. Much larger than any of the Herrings. Head and underparts whiteish, with coarse dark streaking on hind neck, sparse fine streaks along sides of breast; crown finely streaked with dark. Back contrasted sharply with head and underparts; it had a crisp somewhat checkered appearance; individual feathers appeared chocolate-brown light edges, the secondaries were more uniformly dark, the primaries darker still. The bill was massive, blackish, very deep, with a pronounced gonydeal angle, the culmen curving steeply at the tip. In flight the basal area of the tail was white; there was a moderately broad sub-terminal band.



The inside of the mouth was bright pinkish.
The legs (tarsi, toes, webs) were pink. The legs were longer and noticeably thicker than those of nearby Herrings. The bird was substantially longer, taller, and bulkier than all of the nearby Herring gulls. Its head and bill were much more massive than those of Herrings.

Time: 28 Mar. mid afternoon; 29 Mar. off and on throughout the day. D. Muth, R. D. Purrington, J. Reinach, M. Braen, N. Nelkin, B. Crider, Wm Eley, N. P. Newfield, et al.

Note: This could be the same individual seen 28 Feb. near N.O. Dump.



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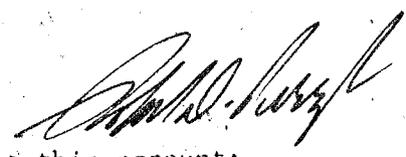
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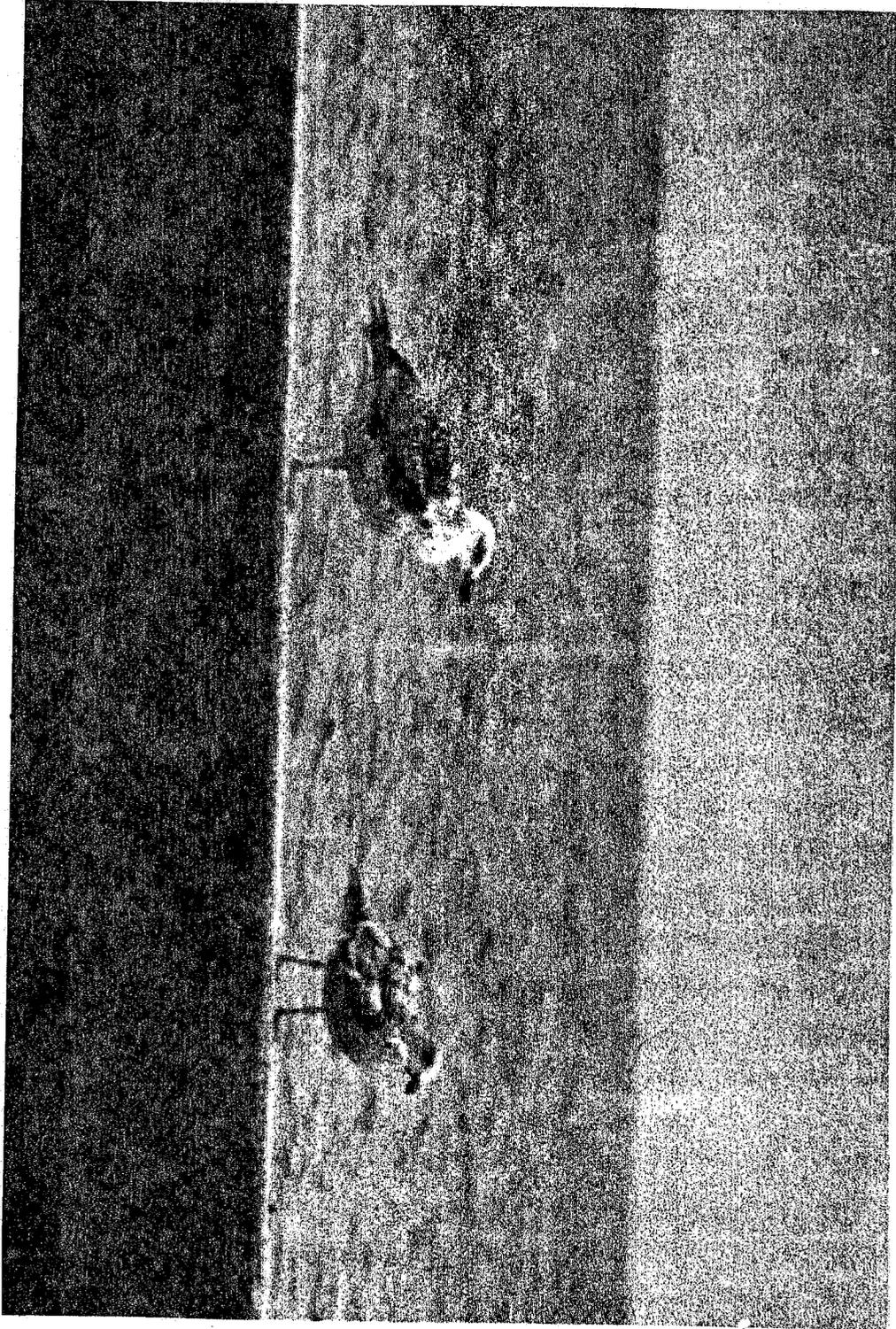
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28 March 1982

New Orleans, LA.

B. Mac. Myers

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