

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: **Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. *Zad.* in breeding plumage): **Six (6) individuals - Three (3) adult and three (3) juvenile**
3. Locality: Louisiana: **Richland** Parish: **seven (7) miles south of Start on Louisiana Hwy. #133**
4. Date(s) when seen: **January 26, 1985 and January 27, 1985**
5. Times of day when seen: **Daybreak on 1/26 and noon on 1/27**
6. Reporting observer and address: **D.T. Kee, Northeast La. Univ., Monroe, LA**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
H. Jeter, D. Linden, J. Moore, J. Meyers, R. Rickett, P. Lonnecker, V. Grubbs, &
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: **P. Dickson**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **1/26 = Excellent, light (sun) behind observers**
1/27 = Poor but adequate. Raining
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Bushnell 7x35 binoculars and 20x B&L scope
11. Distance to bird: **About 100-150 yards**
12. Duration of observation: **About one hour each day**
13. Habitat (general and specific): **Flooded rice field, open shallow water. Had been used for duck hunting**
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): **Feeding. Flying (birds took off and made about eight circles around the field and returned to area they had left. It was our impression they were simply exercising as they did not appear disturbed nor did the ducks (500+) also occupying the area). Swimming (birds held the neck straight up from the body)**
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):
Adults in total white plumage, black bill, at least one showing the yellow basal spot.
Juveniles in washed brown plumage, bills appeared dark in color.

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16. Voice: **Not heard.**

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

Trumpeter Swan - Eliminated by appearance of bill and presence of yellow basil spot.

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

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19. Previous experience with this species:

Michigan

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

Peterson Guide, National Geographic Guide, and Louisiana Birds

21. This description written from: X notes made during observation; X notes made after observation; _____ memory. **(Basil spot not observed on 1/26)**

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

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23. Signature of reporter:

David T. Kee, Ph.D.

24. Date and time of writing this account: **1600 27 January 1985**