

## BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

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1. Common and scientific name: *Great Black-backed Gull (L. marinus)*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): *1 3rd year*
3. Locality: Louisiana: *Fourchon Beach* Parish *Lafourche*
4. Date(s) when seen: *March 28, 1988*
5. Times of day when seen: *10 a.m.*
6. Reporting observer and address: *R.D. Purrmington*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: *Mac Myers (David Math?)*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *clear to p.c.; 90° between directions to sun and bird*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
11. Distance to bird: *10X50 binoculars less than 100 ft*
12. Duration of observation: *2-3 minutes*
13. Habitat (general and specific):  
*behind gulf beach*
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):  
*Considerable larger than nearby Herring Gulls, heavy bill with black tip, tail band, bone-pink legs, pink feet, dark charcoal-brown mantle, one or two gray feathers with white mirrors.*

16. Voice:

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

L. fuscus -- too small, yellow legs, small bill,  
round head

L. shufasagus -- also small / only slightly larger than  
Herring Gull, lighter mantle

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

by Mac Myers

19. Previous experience with this species:

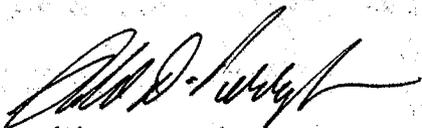
Four D.E. sightings before this one

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification  
a) at time of observation;

b) after observation: none

21. This description written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during observation;  notes  
made after observation; \_\_\_\_\_ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: 

24. Date and time of writing this account:

3/14/89

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1. Common and scientific name: Great Black-backed Gull Larus marinus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 3rd year
3. Locality: Louisiana: Lafourche Parish: Fourchon Beach
4. Date(s) when seen: 27 March 1988
5. Times of day when seen: mid morning
6. Reporting observer and address: Buford Mac. Myers III  
730 Frenchmen St. New Orleans, LA 70116
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:  
R. D. Purrington, Norton Nelkin
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): good
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
10x40 ZEISS-good, 22x60 Bushnell scope good
11. Distance to bird: 50 yds. and out
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific):

gulf beach

14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):  
sitting, flying.
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 gull, larger than adjacent imm. Herring's. Back dark gray, lighter on wing coverts. Bill yellowish with black spot near tip and a faint reddish spot posterior to the black, bill large, stout. Legs longer + thicker than Herring's, fleshy - Ivory color, webs of feet slightly pinkish. Eye light. Head almost pure white. In flight the lighter area of the wing coverts was conspicuous. The tail had a surprising amount of black band for a 3rd year bird (on an otherwise white tail).

tail upper surface



16. Voice:

N/A

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

Size and coloration of back, eye, legs, bill  
eliminate other dark-backed gulls.

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

slides by Myers attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

several in LA, many in maritime Canada

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

a) at time of observation; none

b) after observation: Grant

21. This description written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during observation; X notes  
made after observation; \_\_\_\_\_ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter:

Buford Mac. Myers III

24. Date and time of writing this account:

19 April 1989 8:00 pm