

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Leach's Storm Petrel
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 adult bird
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Plaquemines
Specific Locality: 60 miles south of Venice, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: July 24, 2011

5. Time(s) of day when observed: not sure of exact time; late afternoon

6. Reporting observer and address: Jeffrey W. Harris, 1967 Tulip Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Justin and Devin Bosler

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): bright and sunny

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 x 50 binoculars; good condition

11. Distance to bird(s): it varied from 50-80 yards

12. Duration of observation: several minutes

13. Habitat: open ocean

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

first observed floating on surface with other Storm Petrels (Wilson's and Band Rumped); at one point, a small group of Band Rumps broke from the larger group and that's when the unusual ulnar bar was most apparently different from the Band Rumped Storm Petrels.

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): A bird with distinctly light ulnar bars (as compared to the Band Rumps nearby); a bright white upper tail with a hint of a "widow's peak" or faint dividing line of dark feathers near the top of the white band; a cleft or slightly divided tail; small dark bill.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Band Rumped Storm Petrels had less obvious ulnar bars, and the tails were clearly more squared on the bottom edge.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): videotape by me, but several others took photos (and will probably submit a long form).

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: National Geographic, Sibley, Peterson, Crossley (also studied in advance of the trip)

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____);
___X___ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: __Jeffrey W. Harris_____Date: July 25, 2011_Time: 3:30 PM

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? yes

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

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