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Species: Cory's Shearwater, *Calonectris diomedea*

Location: ca. 16 mi SE South Pass, Plaquemines Parish, Gulf of Mexico, 28.79 °N, 88.07 °W

Date: 10 September 2016

Time: 11:38 – 12:38

Molt status: All seen well were molting primaries

Number of individuals: 6

Circumstances:

Pelagic trip on Delta Blue (Capt. John Coulon) with Chantal Correll, Terry Davis, Cathy DiSalvo, Rob Dobbs, Joan Garvey, Lynn Hathaway, Van Remsen, Christine Kooi, Marybeth Lima, Cham & Mary Mehaffey, Andre Moncrieff, David Muth, Mac Myers, Jane Patterson, Janine & Paul Robin, Ed Wallace.

Leg 4 of pelagic trip. Blue water, 7 flying-fish flushed. Cloudy; windy; some light rain, approaching storm line. Locality plotted at rough midpoint of leg.

<https://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31530955>

Description: Fourteen Cory's seen on this leg! Time stamp for the Scopoli's is in the file name.

Scopoli's – two.

One at time stamp 12:29. Photographed on the water with a Borealis.

One was photographed flying with an unknown ssp. Time stamp 11:45

Borealis – one. Time stamp 12:29. Photographed on the water with a Scopoli's

Unknown subspecies – three.

One was photographed flying with a Scopoli's. Time stamp 11:45

Two not photographed.

All Cory's seen this day were identified based on the following characters. If we felt that we did not get good enough photos to see these characters, we left them unidentified to subspecies:

Scopoli's with extensive white tongues extending into the base of the underside of the primaries, thinner bill, paler and smaller head.

Borealis with solidly black primaries on the underside, thicker bill, darker and larger head



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