

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the LBRC Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or this format when submitting records for review (to assure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: LBRC Secretary, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and scientific name: Tundra Swan, Cygnus columbianus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 Dirty Adult OR changing immature.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA St. TAMMANY
state parish
Marsh-lake shore of Eastern Fontainebleau Park
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: 12-26-95
5. Times of day when seen: 10:30 - 11 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Melvin Weber, P.O. Box 245,
171 Cedar Street, Reserve LA. 70084
(504) 536-2517
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Josh Sylvest
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): Overcast - good light.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x50 swift Binoculars.
11. Distance to bird: 3 to 5 hundred feet.
12. Duration of observation: Saw twice - 5 second & 15 second looks.
13. Habitat: Marsh at lake shore.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
Bird flew over to our west moving south. Circled about
1/4 mile over the lake and flew over us to our
east moving north.

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

Very large goose-like bird with very ~~long~~ neck. Bird was white with a lot of buff brown areas that looked like dirty feathers. (not uniformly colored on any area) Bill black with a white spot or light markings near the nasal area. Legs & feet were black.

16. Voice: none.

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

The only other possibility would be a Trumpeter Swan but I eliminated this because the bill did have some lighter nasal marking although I didn't see this marking well.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

19. Previous experience with this species: life bird for both of us as a wild bird. Swans of most types seen in parks.

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: National Geographic

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation (date: ~~1-2-96~~); ☒ memory.

I wrote up an ID card for the count compilation that night.

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

23. Signature of reporter:

Melvin T. Webber

24. Date and time of writing this account:

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