

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: American Flamingo (Phoenicopterus ruber ?)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 bird
3. Parish: St. John the Baptist
Specific Locality: I-55 along the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area
4. Date(s) when observed: 5/28/2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:00 pm
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Carolyn B. Hennesy
City: 429 Rosa Avenue, Metairie, LA
State: LA 70005
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright sky. Bird was in flight overhead.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Just my eyes.
11. Distance to bird(s): Do not know. Bird was in flight overhead.
12. Duration of observation: 10-20 seconds.

13. Habitat: Swamp

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

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

Honestly, all I observed was what looked like a pink egret, and I thought to myself, you know the only bird that is pink that looks like that would most likely be a flamingo. I googled it to see if we have any native flamingo populations and looks like we do, but they appear to be very rare? So, I found this form and wanted to let you guys know about it. Here's what happened in more detail.

I was headed south on I-55, and I believe I was south of Manchac when I saw the bird. I observed a bird in flight headed east toward Lake Pontchartrain over my vehicle. In flight it had the shape of a snowy egret/water bird with long legs, but it was distinctly pink. Very pretty.

16. Voice: Didn't hear.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): I know of no other birds of that size/shape with a pink coloring, but I am not a bird expert.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Sorry, I was driving. Almost pulled out my camera, but for safety sake, I did not.

19. Previous experience with this species: Only at the zoo!

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

a. at time of observation: just my eyes.

b. after observation: Google

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		

study of images

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

I am not, though I am absolutely positive this was a water bird because of its shape, long legs, location in the swamp. And it was PINK. And I mean pink, with variation of depth of color on the underside of the wings. No other coloring, however. Just pink.

23. Date:

Time:

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? Yes, though I don't know that I've given you much with this. I just thought it was a cool thing to see in Louisiana, and when I learned it was a rare bird here, I thought I would share the info. with people in the know.

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