

# 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](mailto: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, pinkish in color
3. Parish: Orleans Parish, Louisiana  
Specific Locality: Lake Catherine
4. Date(s) when observed: September 29, September 30, October 1, October 2, October 3, October 5, 2023
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9/29 - 8:15 am, 9/30 – 7:15 am, 10/1 – 8:00 am, 10/2 – 12:15 pm, 10/3 – 9:20 am, 10/5 – 8:40 am
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Michael J. Calamari	311 Eden Isles BLVD
City: Slidell	
State: Louisiana	
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Multiple observers and photographers at this location
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear skies, direct sunlight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Sony RX10 iv, 24 mm-600mm lens
11. Distance to bird(s): 9/29 – 50 ft., 9/30 – 100 yds., 10/1 – 100 yds., 10/2 – 60 ft., 10/3 – 60 ft., 10/5 – 100 yds.

12. Duration of observation: 9/29 – 20 min., 9/30 – 30 min., 10/1 – 30 min., 10/2 – 45 min., 10/3 – 25 min., 10/5 – 40 min.

13. Habitat: large pond, swamp type area

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): 9/29 – feeding with 5 Black-neck Stilts, 9/30 – feeding alone, 10/1 – feeding alone, 10/2 – feeding alone and preening, 10/3 – feeding alone and preening, 10/5 – Flamingo was not observed on arrival. Observed Flamingo flying back into pond from the east and started feeding.

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*): Look at attached photos.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Roseate Spoonbill – did not have hooked shaped dark bill

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photographs attached were taken by myself.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in zoos.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

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 type="checkbox"/>	Y	memory	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	study of images	

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

23. Date: Yes  
Time: Yes

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

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