

# 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: *American Flamingo*, *Phoenicopterus ruber*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One individual*
3. Locality: Parish: *\_Orleans\_*  
Specific Locality: *\_\_pond on south (east) side of Chef Menteur Hwy (US-90), 2.5 mi NE of Chef Menteur Pass bridge (ca. 30.09, -89.77)\_*
4. Date(s) when observed: *2 October 2023*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *0745 CDT*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *n/a*
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): *many observers; well-known, continuing stakeout (discovered 29 Sep 2023, I think)*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *decent, not great light -- bird to my south-southeast, in early AM, so some glare*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 10x42 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *ca. 200 m*
12. Duration of observation: *20 min*
13. Habitat: *coastal pond*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [loafing, foraging](#)

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 very long-legged, long-necked, bright pink bird with the classic bent bill of a flamingo. Relatively uniformly pink throughout body, except for noticeably brighter pink upperwing coverts \(on folded wing; black of flight feathers barely visible in folded wing\). Basal 60% \(or so\) of bill was pale, or horn-colored \(distance and glare made it difficult to see well\), distal 40% of bill was black. Pale iris. Legs all pink, brighter at tarsal joint.](#)

16. Voice: [Not vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Other flamingos possible as escapees—all are distinctly smaller, have notably paler plumage, or differ in soft parts colors, particularly leg color.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Photos by Robert C. Dobbs, attached](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [zero](#)

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

a. at time of observation: [None](#)

b. after observation: [Birds of the World \(Cornell Lab of Ornithology online resource\)](#)

21. This description is written from:  [X](#) notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_notes attached?); \_\_\_\_notes made after the observation (date:\_\_\_\_); \_\_\_\_memory;  [X](#) images taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [Yes](#)

23. Date: [\\_6 Feb 2024\\_](#) Time: [\\_1640 CST\\_](#)

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\\_](#)



