

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: Audubon's Shearwater, *Puffinus lherminieri*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 age and sex unknown
3. Parish: Plaquemines

Specific Locality: Pelagic trip out of Venice, ca. 28°34'52.1"N 88°58'15.7"W

4. Date(s) when observed: 26 July 2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:41 p.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul E. Conover
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Participants on the pelagic trip on this date.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full sun on an open sea above blue water, bird seen at various angles to the sun, overhead, and on the water.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D3500 camera with 200 mm lens.

11. Distance to bird(s): Probably about 50 yards

12. Duration of observation: perhaps 1 minute

13. Habitat: Open ocean, blue water

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird flushed and we gave pursuit. I started shooting photos right away. Unfortunately, chase was not successful and I only got a few photos.

15. Description:

Small, dark-and-white counter-shaded “Manx type” shearwater.

Dark above, pale below. Photos appear to show dark undertail area. Inner primary molt in progress.

16. Voice: Not noted.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Manx Shearwater should show white underneath tail almost to tail tip.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Three photos were all I could manage. Hopefully Charlie Lyon got clearer photos.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen with some frequency on pelagic trips over the years.

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

a. at time of observation: At time of observation I called the bird as an “Audubon’s type,” preferring to wait until study of photos to make a call on the ID. With photos relied on past experience to ID.

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	No, verbal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes. Images are distant but appear to show dark undertail coverts.

23. Date: 29 July 2021



