

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**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **5**
3. Parish: **Plaquemines**

Specific Locality: **Leg began at 28°15'59.6"N 88°33'50.3"W according to eBird report**

4. Date(s) when observed: **9 September**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **ca 1:26-2:26 a.m.**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul Edward Conover
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **all other members of the pelagic crew (Hathaway, Lima, Muth, Myers, Remsen)**
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): **Fine. We spotted some birds on the water or kicked up the birds off the water and saw them in good light.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Vortex 12x, Nikon D3500 w/ 200 mm lens.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **within 30 yards at first; the boat was traveling fast and we'd**

come upon the birds and slow down. When they flushed, I scanned them or photo'ed.

12. Duration of observation: **None longer than a minute.**

13. Habitat: **Blue water**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Birds resting on water along the path of the boat. Flushed and flew perpendicular to boat.**

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*):

Small black and white shearwaters in 2 groups of two and one solo bird. All scanned in flight and black undertail coverts seen. Photos below of 2.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Manx by dark undertail coverts, face pattern.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Of one bird, by me, included.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Much, including many seen previously that day. By this point in the day, I had a good hang of them.**

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

23. Date: **15 Sept 2023**

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**

