

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Puffinus lherminieri, Audubon's Shearwater
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Terrebonne
4. Specific Locality:
26.13292, -92.16042 - Approx 216 miles southwest of Isles Denier in federal waters
5. Date(s) when observed: 8-23-2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 6:07-pm
7. Reporting observer: Matt Conn
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good afternoon/ evening light bird was in good light with sun to my back/ or at least quartered when photographed.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): cannon- 500 prime with 1.4 extender
12. Distance to bird(s): 100 yds
13. Duration of observation: 45 seconds
14. Habitat: open water / pelagic 400+ft
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): flying swiftly in opposite direction of boat, just above the waves and randomly swooping below

the wave crests out of sight momentarily then back up to just above the waves until out of sight

16. 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):

This bird was at least 100 yds distance- but seemed small (medium sized) but strong in flight, larger than petrels smaller than a gull. Wings seemed longer than body. Could tell looking through the Lense that the bird was perceivably black (or dark brown)and white. Dark or black above and white below. Dark on trailing edges of underwings, with some dark patches on leading edge of underwing. Tail seemed short.

17. Voice: no

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
could not find other species in G.O.M. in book that looked similar- sent photos to Erik J for field confirmation

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
yes attached

20. Previous experience with this species: none

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
Sibley and Ibird Pro

22. Identification aids used when?
At time of sighting, After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:
Given limited experience with pelagic I'm not positive but from post trip homework seems like the correct ID

24. Date report completed:
8-30-2024

25. 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

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

Yes





