

# Louisiana Bird Records Committee

## Rare Bird Documentation

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*Species:* Black-legged Kittiwake, *Rissa tridactyla*

*Number of individuals:* 1

*Age and Sex:* Immature, unknown

*Date:* 25 April, 2018

*Location:* Rutherford Beach, Cameron Par.

*eBird Checklist:* <https://ebird.org/checklist/S45006759>

*Other Observers:* My parents, Mike and Halle Brady

*Original Observer:* Sam Saunders

**Circumstances.** I evidentially did not submit this record in a timely fashion, so am now recreating it in November, 2020 (hence the brevity of the description and circumstances). I do not have much additional to add to what is in my eBird checklist, unfortunately.

From my eBird checklist: "Scouting for LSUMNS big day 2018. We checked the beach, then drove down the grassy strip to the west of the settlement. Clear, sunny, no breeze, warm."

Additional details 2020: I do recall that the bird was indeed on the beach, just to the east of where Rutherford Beach Rd dead ends at the Gulf of Mexico. The bird did not look well, and we did not see the bird the next day, during the LSUMNS Ornithology graduate student Big Day.

**Description.** A pretty typical first year Black-legged Kittiwake. I cannot add much beyond what is evident in the photos, though at the time I submitted the checklist, I wrote "Continuing bird, found by Sam Saunders the day before (I think). Small gull standing morosely on the beach with odd upright posture typical of Kittiwakes. Black legs, drooping yellow bill, black patch behind the ear, faint black patch across the nape. Photos."

**Discussion.** The photos clearly show a Black-legged Kittiwake. The LBRC archives show that this record was accepted only on one day (24 April, 2018), so this submission should, hopefully extend the date by a day.

**Photos.**

