

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:
Holly Beach walking from the end of PAR 504 to the shoreline
5. Date(s) when observed: 4.25.2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:55 pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Charlotte Chehotsky and Jack Rogers later that evening
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 20-30 feet
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
14. Habitat: Beach with Beach goers - Man playing nearby with child in water. Lady sitting in beach chair. Camping tent setup with people inside. Bird was very close to all of this.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): He was just

sitting. Very calm seemingly watching me. He flew away when someone approached just a little too close.

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):

I honestly thought this was a Bonaparte's Gull when I first saw it. I did feel uncomfortable with it though as the spot behind the eye wasn't as round as I expected it. It also seem heftier. When I got back to my hotel room I used eBird to confirm the BOGU. It did not. Merlin said Black-legged Kittywake. I sent the photos to Charlotte Chehotsky and Jack Rogers.

17. Voice: Did not hear

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

See #16

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

By myself

20. Previous experience with this species: None

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

Merlin and other birders (Charlotte and Jack)

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

4.25.2024

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









