

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: **Brown Booby**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 imm.
3. Parish: **Pointe Coupee**
Specific Locality: **Morganza Forebay**
4. Date(s) when observed: **11/13/2015**
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
6. Reporting observer and address: **Van Remsen, LSUMNS**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
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): **Good, light at back**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Kowa scope**
11. Distance to bird(s): **Ca. ½ mile**
12. Duration of observation: **Ca. 10 secs**
13. Habitat: **far from shore in large “lake”**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **In flight for duration, moving with White Pelicans and DCCOs**

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*): **Scanning DCCOs and White Pelicans flying across the lake, I was shocked to see a young Brown Booby embedded in the streams of birds. Even at this distance, it was unmistakable as a booby with its “projectile” shape with pointed bill on fairly long neck and fairly long, pointed tail, and long, pointed wings. Bill seemed to be somewhat pale but tough to see: definitely not bright and contrasting like adult. I couldn’t see much of the ventral surface except that it did show some pale but was mostly dark (definitely not clean white of adult), and underwings showed some pale. I could not relocate the bird for photos – there were about 10K cormorants on the lake plus another 10K ducks, and much of the lake is too far from shore to inventory properly.**

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **I honestly never considered the possibility of Red-footed Booby because the bird looked so similar to Brown Booby in size/shape**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **NO**

19. Previous experience with this species: **A handful of recent sightings in LA and CA**

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> in eBird
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: **10 Feb. 17**

Time:

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or
portions of this report on its website? Yes _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes _____