

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Calonectris borealis, Cory's Shearwater
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1
3. Parish:  
Terrebonne
4. Specific Locality:  
27.20925, -92.20661 - Approx 151 miles southwest of Isles Denier in federal waters
5. Date(s) when observed: 8-22-2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:31 PM
7. Reporting observer: Matt Conn
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
none
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
none
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Sunset - sun to my back as pictures taken
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Cannon-500 prime + 1.4 extender
12. Distance to bird(s): approx. 80 yds
13. Duration of observation: 30 seconds
14. Habitat: open water/ pelagic 300+feet of water
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): very swift and fast flying bird, swooping up to 20 feet above waves then diving low below wave crests and out of view momentarily. It appeared as it was nearly out of sight that it landed on water.

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):

Larger shearwater with longer wings, swift flying, brown on top with some noticeable white markings (barring) on top of wings. Ends of wings seemed wider than middle wing sections. Underwings had dark near ends of the wings and the underwings were whitish with thin darkish grey or black trailing edge. Head at least to wings was a lighter tan/brown. Bill appeared bicolored light at base with darker tip.

17. Voice: no

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

no

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- and phone-a-friend (Erik J)

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

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

no- new species for me and I know similar species may exist in the GOM

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









