

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: **Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One adult male in alternate plumage.
3. Parish: **Cameron**
Specific Locality: **Pintail Loop, Cameron Prairie NWR**
4. Date(s) when observed: **30 December 2014**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **About 2:40-2:50pm**
6. Reporting observer and address:
Daniel Lane
LSU Museum of Natural Science
119 Foster Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **None.**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Billy Jones (via LaBird on Facebook)**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Overcast, but fairly bright lighting.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Zeiss 10x40 binocular.
11. Distance to bird(s): **Perhaps about 150 meters.**

12. Duration of observation: **About 10 min or so.**

13. Habitat: **Shallow freshwater pool with some emergent vegetation.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Originally seen in the company of other waterfowl, it was preening, then swimming actively through groups of other birds. It did not appear to be associating with any other individuals (ie: not paired). Eventually, it retreated back into denser vegetation where it appeared to be feeding.

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*):

A medium-sized dabbling (*Anas*) duck with a largely gray body, pinkish breast, and distinctive rufous head with buff longitudinal stripe extending from bill base to at least mid-crown. Bill was bluish with black nail.

16. Voice: **None noted.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **American Wigeon (also present) has different head pattern and pinkish color along flanks.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Photos and poor video by me (available here:**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/8013969@N03/sets/72157649623482397/>), these are available for posting to the LOS page if so desired.

19. Previous experience with this species: **Fairly extensive along the Atlantic coast and Alaska.**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): **None.**

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes, this is a distinctive species in this plumage; there are really no others that can be confused with it.

23. Date: 31 December 2014

Time: 10:30am.

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_____