

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: **Great Black-backed Gull** (*Larus marinus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One first cycle bird
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **East Baton Rouge**
Specific Locality: **West Irene Impoundments**
4. Date(s) when observed: **4 and 12 January 2021**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **approx. 8-10am both days**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Nat Sci, BR, LA 70803**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Matt Brady, Robb Brumfield, Oscar Johnson, Maggie MacPherson, Marybeth Lima, Van Remsen, Cameron Rutt,**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **None**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Good to excellent.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Mostly Swarovski 20-60x scope**
11. Distance to bird(s): **50-250 m**
12. Duration of observation: **Several hours both days**
13. Habitat: **settling pond near landfill**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Mostly resting**

with large congregation of large gulls. Flying at some points (flushed both by marauding eagles and by us as we approached the gull congregation).

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): Massive *Larus* gull, towering over all other gulls in group. Pale, with stark spangles on mantle and wings, massive black bill, small beady eye. Rump mostly white, base of tail white with blackish broken subterminal band. Some pale on inner primaries.

16. Voice: None heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): No other gull so large with large bill.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by various of the observers, posted on eBird lists;
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S78692204>
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S79159757>
As well as my own inserted below.

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive in Northeast, as well as several previous records in-state.

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 (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____);
__X__ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Signature of reporter: _____ Dan Lane _____ Date: __18 January 2021__ Time: __8:45pm__

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 _____

















