

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: Glaucous Gull <i>Larus hyperboreus</i>
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 – 2 nd yr immature (sex unknown)
3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: Orleans Specific locality: Seabrook Bridge, concrete breakwater
4. Date(s) when observed: March 29, 2013
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:55-5:05PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com
7. <u>Other observers</u> accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): No other observers were present.
8. <u>Other observers who independently identified</u> the bird(s): Other observers on numerous other dates have found and identified this bird, including Joan Garvey, Glenn Ousset, Joelle Finley, Ken Harris, Ed Wallace, John Sevenair, Claire Thomas, et al.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Partly cloudy, late afternoon sunlight (very good lighting).
10. Optics: Tom-10x42 Bushnell and Swift Mark II Zoomscope Model 841 (15x-60x.60mm)
11. Distance to bird(s): 30-40 yards
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
13. Habitat: lakefront, concrete breakwater adjacent to concrete shoreline
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): mostly at standing at rest, occasionally flying when disrupted by boaters, but stayed in the same vicinity.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; 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): Gull-type, larger than a Herring Gull; all-white; flesh- or pink-colored bill with dark or black tip; flesh- or pink- colored legs.
16. Voice: Silent
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Excluded all the smaller gulls based on size and plumage (all the smaller gulls have some amount of gray and/or black in their plumage phases); excluded Herring Gull based on the all-white plumage; excluded Iceland Gull (also all-white in immature plumage) based on size.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, photos provided.
19. Previous experience with this species: This is a lifer for me.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): a. at time of observation: many other birders previously reported this bird; also used multiple field guides and apps b. after observation: multiple field guides and iPod apps
21. This description is written from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation (<input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: _____); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certainty.
23. Signature of reporter: Thomas Trenchard Date/Time: 6/22/13 9:00PM
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No