

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1, in adult plumage
3. Parish:  
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:  
29.76162, -93.56211 west of Holly Beach on Gulf Highway
5. Date(s) when observed: 03/30/2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 1749
7. Reporting observer: Andrew From
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Confirmed by Steve Cardiff via ebird checklist review
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Initially the bird was between me and the sun under bright, overcast conditions.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 8 X42 fair condition, Nikon D7200 with 80-400 mm lens in good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): 10-15 meters
13. Duration of observation: approximately 10 minutes
14. Habitat: beach
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was initially observed while I was driving east on Gulf Highway. After looking at the

beach for birds, I thought that's different looking gull, made a u-turn, drove back to first location and starting taking pictures. The bird was roughly associated with an immature Herring Gull foraging on something on the beach. The GLGU then flew east maybe 50 m and starting eating a washed up catfish.

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):

Large white gull with light grey back, black dot on stout bill with a red dot on the lower mandible, yellow eyes with a red orbital ring, pinkish legs, and white primaries with no black on the wings (see out of focus flight picture). The wingtips barely touched the tip of the all white tail.

17. Voice: none

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
Herring Gull was eliminated due to the lack of any black on this bird at this life stage.  
Iceland Gull was eliminated by other birders.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):  
Yes, myself

20. Previous experience with this species: none

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

Gulls of the Americas, NatGeo Birds of North America 7th ed., Facebook group "North American Gulls", and an email from Steve Cardiff reminding me to submit to LBRC after reviewing my checklist.

22. Identification aids used when?  
After observation

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

24. Date report completed:  
April 2, 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







