

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):
One adult individual, sex and age unknown to reporting observer.
3. Parish:
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:
3900–4152 Gulf Beach Hwy, Hackberry US-LA 29.76773, -93.50821
5. Date(s) when observed: April 4, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:31AM for approximately 10 minutes and again at 12:45 PM of 10 minutes
7. Reporting observer: Deanna Griggs
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Gordon Griggs
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Charlotte Chehotsky (9:31AM); Michael Musumeche, Cheryl Huner (both times)
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear, sunny and very bright - no shade
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x42 Good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): 100 feet
13. Duration of observation: 9:31AM - 10 minutes; 12:45 PM - 10 minutes
14. Habitat: Sandy beach
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Observed preening and hanging out in mixed flock of Royal, Forster's and Sandwich Terns and Laughing and Herring Gulls and a Lesser Black-backed Gull.

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 similar in size to a Herring Gull; yellow bill with red spot on bottom near tip; light gray wings, pinkish feet.

17. Voice: N/A...I could not distinguish between most species....video might provide insight

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

No black on wings as Herring Gull nor black back and wings as Lesser Black-backed Gull

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

Yes, photographs and 2 videos by Deanna Griggs - attached

20. Previous experience with this species: None -This is a Life bird - ID was confirmed by Charlotte Chehotsky who had previously seen this particular bird.

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

Other birder; iBirdPro used before sighting

22. Identification aids used when?

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

April 9, 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

