

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: **Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One presumed 1st cycle bird, sex unknown.
3. Parish: **East Baton Rouge**
Specific Locality: **West Irene Road Impoundments**
4. Date(s) when observed: **26 Feb 2024 (seen again by others on 6 March)**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **approx. 8:45am-12:30pm**
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Dan Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Van Remsen, Cameron Rutt, Marybeth Lima**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **On 6 March: Van Remsen, Jack Rogers, Esme Rosen, Kraig Oramous, Libby Brennan, Phil Stoffer, Ravynn Garcia.**
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163934902>
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Excellent (see photos).**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x40 binocular, Swarovski 20-60x scope.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **As close as about 100 m.**

12. Duration of observation: Probably about 1 hour total over the 4 hour period it was in the area.

13. Habitat: "Agent Orange Beach" of the western impoundment. Mostly seen on ground. First spotted by Van as it flew in from the dump, presumably where it had been foraging.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): First spotted as it flew in and landed among the loafing gulls on the beach. Occasionally would move into water (but usually so shallow that it didn't need to swim). Flew on a few occasions, including back to dump, when lost for a time, but later it returned to the beach for more loafing. We departed with it present on the beach.

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*):

Large Larus gull, mostly whitish with very faint buff vermiculations on body plumage (mostly on underparts), almost no markings on wings, tail. Bill heavy, pink with "ink dipped" tip. Eye dark. Legs quite pink.

16. Voice: Called at one point, but voice not distinguishable from Herring to my ear.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Too large and large-billed for Iceland (also, bill pattern too crisp for that species). Leucistic Herring not likely to have that bill pattern, and usually has some ghosted tail band and wing markings.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos and video: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163053760>
Some photos below.

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19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive, in Northeast, Alaska, and previously in Louisiana (including at this site).

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:

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

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

23. Date: **30 March 2024**

Time: **5:12pm**

24. 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

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes













