

1. English and Scientific names: **Great Shearwater** *Puffinus gravis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **4 or 5**
3. Parish: **Plaquemines**  
  
Specific Locality: **3 w/ Bridled Terns—28 33 59, 89 06 48**  
**1 w/ Leach's Storm-petrel—28 23 38, 88 52 37, 1 (new?)—28 33 39, 89 03 49**
4. Date(s) when observed: **9/21/15**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **0845 h; 0945 h.**
6. Reporting observer and address: **David P. Muth, 2765 Orchid Ave., N.O. La. 70119**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Van Rensen, Charles Lyon, Dan O'Malley, Cathy DiSalvo, John Sevenair, Jean Trahan, Jeff Trahan**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Good.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Eagle Optics Platinum Ranger 10x42**
11. Distance to bird(s): **50 feet or less**
12. Duration of observation: **leisurely**
13. Habitat: **blue water**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **1) Birds seen variously sitting on surface or flying and feeding.**
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*): **1) Large (larger than AUSH) shearwaters with sooty brown upperparts, white below with light brown belly patch, distinct dark-capped look, white-collared; black bills. Narrow white tail band, black tail. Underwing pattern white with black flight feathers and complex pattern of white and black in axillaries.**

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S25161729>

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S25161726>

**My photos below are of the bird at 28 23 38, 88 52 37.**





16. Voice: **NA**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Cory's Shearwater no collar, pale bill, does not appear capped, etc.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): 1) **Yes.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Once before off Louisiana, once off Florida.**

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

Memory **XX**

Study of images **XX**

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

23. Date: **3/8/16**

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**