

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: **Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **3**

3. Parish: **Plaquemines**

Specific Locality: **18-31 mi SE Southwest Pass**

4. Date(s) when observed: **9/21/15**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **0909-1016 AM**

6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan O'Malley, Baton Rouge**

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Charles Lyon, David Muth, Cathy DiSalvo, John Sevenair, Jean Trahan, Jeff Trahan, Van Remsen**

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): **Bright light in sparkling pelagic waters. Variable, but all birds seen in good light at some point.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **EO Ranger 8x42**

11. Distance to bird(s): **~5 meters at closest point**

12. Duration of observation: **~30 seconds to several minutes for each bird.**

13. Habitat: **Pelagic waters**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Flying. Resting on water. Eating chum.**

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 tubenoses. All dark dorsally except for thin white band on uppertail coverts. Ventrally white on throat, behind auriculars and onto neck sides, chest, and belly. Count of individuals based on review of photographs revealing different patterns on underwings. Assumed to be one returning individual in field.**

16. Voice: **NA**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Audubon's Shearwater by size, capped appearance. Cory's Shearwater by bill color, dorsal coloration, underwing pattern.**

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

19. Previous experience with this species: **Seen briefly on whale watch in Maine in 2008.**

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

a. at time of observation: **Other birders, listed above.**

b. after observation: **Nat Geo, Sibley**

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: **11/21/15**

Time: **1637**

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**_____



