

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Iceland Gull <i>Larus glaucoides</i>
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 (juvenile or immature); sex unknown
3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: St. Tammany Specific locality: Mandeville Lakefront Marina, east end by Pontchartrain Yacht Club, concrete breakwater and vicinity.
4. Date(s) when observed: 11-25 & 27-13 (initially reported 11/23/13 by this reporter)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 3:30PM both days
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): 11/25 – Mary Mehaffey & Glenn Ousset; 11/27 – David Muth, Mac Meyers & M. Hilferty.
8. <u>Other observers who independently identified</u> the bird(s): Originally reported by Chris Brantley on 11/23/13; ID also by observers in #7 above, Claire Thomas and others.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade; direction & amount of light): good lighting, especially on 11/27/13 with clear skies.
10. Optics: Tom (reporter) - 10x42 Bushnell Binoculars & Swift Mark II Zoomscope (Model #841 – 15x-60x.60mm); optics of other observers not noted.
11. Distance to bird(s): variable: 11/25 about 40-50 yards away; 11/27 about 20 feet away (closest)
12. Duration of observation: about 15-25 minutes on each day.
13. Habitat: concrete breakwater at end of marina; on water.
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Over both days reported here, bird was standing on concrete walls, as well as swimming in the water, feeding and in flight. Moved around a good bit, but was very cooperative. With Laughing Gulls and Ring-billed Gulls.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; 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): Primarily white or whitish gull at a distance, about the size of a Ring-billed Gull (which it was associating with, along with Laughing Gulls). Light gray/beige speckling above and below, but wingtips and tail white. Blackish bill with flesh-colored base visible at close range. Bill looked all-dark at a distance. Bill somewhat stubby. Legs and feet pink (visible when perched on concrete breakwaters).
16. Voice: Vocalization higher pitched than other gulls, sort of a "yik" or "eek" but not quite as raucous as Ring-billed. Not like Laughing Gull's laughing sound.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Ivory Gull and Glaucous Gull both eliminated based on the size of the bird. Bird was really close and cooperative.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos taken by submitter as well as many other observers. One especially good photo provided herewith; many additional photos available.
19. Previous experience with this species: Submitter reported same species on 4-7-13 in Venice, LA. Also, this same bird/location on 11-23-13.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: other birders present
b. after observation: Online
21. This description is written from: [] notes made during the observation ([]notes attached?) [X] notes made after the observation (date: _____); [X]memory (same day).

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certain.		
23. Signature of reporter:	Thomas Trenchard	Date/Time: 11/27/13 9:30PM
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		