

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 (1 st cycle plumage); sex unknown	
3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: Plaquemines Specific locality: Coast Guard Road, Venice, LA – Gate 389 (across the road from the landfill) (29.2558, -89.3626)	
4. Date(s) when observed: 4/7/13	
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:45PM	
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com	
7. <u>Other observers</u> accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): Nancy L Newfield, Jana Whittle (from Texas).	
8. <u>Other observers who</u> <i>independently identified</i> the bird(s): Previously reported by Tom Johnson, et. al., Mary Mehaffey, Nancy L Newfield.	
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade; direction & amount of light): excellent light, sun overhead (partly cloudy).	
10. Optics: Tom - 10x42 Bushnell Binoculars & Swift Mark II Zoomscope (Model #841 – 15x-60x.60mm); Nancy - Swarovski 10x42 EL; Jana - (unknown).	
11. Distance to bird(s): appx 60 yards.	
12. Duration of observation: about 15 minutes	
13. Habitat: parking lot near landfill; much rocky material and concrete.	
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Primarily at rest, and seemingly in close company with a Ring-billed Gull; generally in vicinity of other gulls of mixed species hanging around this parking area. Upon attempting to draw attention by throwing bread, other species (particularly Laughing Gulls) were drawn in, but was ignored by the Iceland Gull. At some point later while observing, the Iceland Gull took off and went to another area where we were unable to relocate it.	
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): All-white gull, about the same size as or slightly larger than a Ring-billed Gull (one of which was next to the Iceland). No gray or black in the plumage, so the black bill with pink/flesh-colored base and dark eye were evident against the all-white head. The legs were pink/flesh-colored.	
16. Voice: Silent (no vocalization heard).	
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.	
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, taken by submitter, and submitted herewith.	
19. Previous experience with this species: None.	
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):	
a. at time of observation: <i>National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America</i>	
b. after observation: <i>National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America; Sibley Guide</i>	
21. This description is written from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation (<input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: <u>(not noted)</u>); <input type="checkbox"/> memory.	
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certain.	
23. Signature of reporter: Thomas Trenchard Date/Time: 7/6/13 4:55PM	
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	