

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Iceland Gull, *Larus glaucoides*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One 2nd winter
3. Parish: Acadia
Specific Locality: Egan
4. Date(s) when observed: 16 Jan 2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:50-11:30 off and on
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul E. Conover
City: Lafayette
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon 20-60 zoom Fieldscope III
11. Distance to bird(s): perhaps 300 yards
12. Duration of observation: about 15 minute
13. Habitat: Flooded field next to landfill
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Loafing in field with thousands of gulls, walking around.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*;

A long winged, small-headed subadult white-winged gull on the smaller end of the Herring-type size spectrum.

Bird was seen directly compared to many Herring Gulls and was smaller than most if not all of them. Wings and tail were clearly whitish, on the Kumlien's side of the Iceland scale. Belly and neck pale, apparently pale mocha. Mantle pale gray.

Wings long, extending well beyond tail as bird walked around in upright, alert posture. Head small, bill small and narrow, appeared dusky along its length; i.e. there was no strongly contrasting dark tip. Legs dusky-pink.

16. Voice: n/a

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Overall coloration of bird ruled out albino or leucistic bird. Small size and morphology ruled out Glaucous or Glaucous-winged. White wingtips ruled out Glaucous hybrids.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos and video, the latter better to assess most aspects of bird, but the former better to see the mantle color.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen decent number in Louisiana.

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:

<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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 9 Feb

