

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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1. English and Scientific names: *Iceland Gull (Larus glaucoides)*, probably “Thayer’s” type

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One 1st cycle bird, unknown sex.

3. Parish: *Cameron*

Specific Locality: *Broussard Beach*

4. Date(s) when observed: *19 May 2024*

5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1:45-2pm*

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <i>Daniel Lane</i>
City: <i>Baton Rouge</i>
State: <i>LA</i>

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): *around mid-day (given daytime savings), so sun directly overhead. Bird was viewed from upsun and downsun positions.*

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Zeiss 10x40 binocular*

11. Distance to bird(s): *As little as about 10 meters*

12. Duration of observation: *nearly 15 minutes.*

13. Habitat: Gulf beach.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): First noticed as it was scavenging from a dead fish washed up on beach. Drove up nearly beside bird to document it, and found it to be very tame. Eventually got out of car to try to chase it up for flight photos, and it reluctantly flew a little way down beach. Caught up to it again to get some more photos of it and a nearby obvious Herring of a similar age (to compare wingtips). After spending a fair amount of time watching and documenting the bird, I continued down the beach, but it was gone when I returned (lots of folks driving trucks and ATVs, and falling tide probably played a role).

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*): A Larus gull, heavily worn and probably bleached to some extent. Very pale overall, with some darker markings on body plumage. Buffy wedge on primary coverts and bases of primaries (visible in flight photos), and a broad buffy subterminal band on the tail. Bill largely blackish, smallish for a Larus. Eye dark, legs pink.

16. Voice: None given.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Bill coloration makes Glaucous unlikely. Most likely alternative ID is a very, very bleached Herring, but the nearby Herring of similar age still showed considerably darker primaries, and the contrast between the whitish primary tips and the buffy bases on this bird made me think that this bird truly was a "white-winged gull". Smaller in size than nearby Herring with "cuter" head shape.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, some below, but also see <https://ebird.org/checklist/S175754097>

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive with kumleini in the Northeast and with thayeri in AK, TX, LA.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Not 100%, but after going over images, I feel pretty confident that this bird is almost certainly a “Thayer’s” Iceland Gull.

23. Date: 20 May 2024

Time: 7:45pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____ Yes _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____ Yes _____



































