

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: [Leach's Storm-Petrel \(*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*\)](#)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [1](#)
3. Parish: [Plaquemines](#)
Specific Locality: [ca. 33 mi. SE Southwest Pass](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [21 Sept. 2015](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [ca. 09:45](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Van Remsen \(LSUMNS\)](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Charlie Lyon, David Muth, Dan O'Malley, Cathy DiSalvo, John Sevenair, Jean & Jeff Trahan](#)
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): [excellent](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [10x40 binos](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [as close as 200 ft?](#)
12. Duration of observation: [ca. 1-2 mins](#)
13. Habitat: [open gulf](#)
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Flushed from water. Fairly deep wingbeats.](#)
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*): [See photos. A dark storm-petrel with deep wingbeats, long wings, large bill, and whitish rump area with darkish median](#)

smudge. As can be seen in the photos, this bird was very badly worn or bedraggled; it was missing upper secondary coverts. Tail shape difficult to determine because of angle and apparent wear. Whitish rump patch appeared pointed, towards tail, rather than cut straight across.

16. Voice: **silent**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **other pale-rumped petrels lack dark median smudge in the tail, etc.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **YES, by Jeff Trahan and Charles Lyon, with permission; attached**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Only 2-3 times ever**

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **none**

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: **27 Feb. 2016**

Time:

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**