

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 female-type
3. Parish: St. Tammany
Specific Locality: Sunset Point
4. Date(s) when observed: 15 & 16 Feb 2024
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30AM and 8AM, respectively

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
n/a
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
n/a
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Well-lit
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Leica 10x42 binoculars in good condition
Swarovski 60x60 scope in excellent condition
11. Distance to bird(s):
25-200 yards
12. Duration of observation: brief views as it fed actively over a long period of time

13. Habitat: Lake Pontchartrain, though sticking near structures such as the causeway

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): feeding and flying

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 small duck, distinctly dark bodied but white headed, black crown and black throat that extended to the base of the birds head

16. Voice: silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Distinct

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Yes attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

By the thousands on the eastern seaboard

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

a. at time of observation:

n/a

b. after observation:

n/a

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

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

Yes

23. Date: 9:05PM

Time: 22 February 2024

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?

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

