

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: Mew Gull (*Larus canus*)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
adult or near adult (might be some dark still on the alula indicating a 3rd cycle)

3. Parish: East Baton Rouge

Specific Locality: West Irene Impoundments, landfill

4. Date(s) when observed:

22 Feb 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed

Early morning

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: David Vander Pluym
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

On the two different dates, Dan Lane, Eamon Corbett, Andre Moncrieff

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

Several others have seen this bird as it was a continuing individual.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Mostly sun was coming in low from the side

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Swarovski 10x42 binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

closest was ~100 feet

12. Duration of observation:

Didn't keep track, a known bird found several days before

13. Habitat:

Impoundment, part of the landfill.

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

Loafing and swimming

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*):

Didn't take notes at the time, best to see photos. Straightforward Mew Gull. I'm not up on Short-billed vs Common but seemed within range of Short-billed.

16. Voice:

Didn't call

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

Ring-billed Gull is the most similar but this individual was darker back, showed a slight dusky ring on the thinner yellow bill, and had wider white tertial crescent

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

Attached are the best photos I got.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Recently moved to Louisiana from Arizona (currently serving a second term on the Arizona Bird Committee) where I found ~10 individuals (mainly 1st cycle and it is currently still a review still). I have also seen thousands in California. No experience with the Eurasian ones.

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 checked="" 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:

Time:

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?

_____sure_____

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











