

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: red-footed booby
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 brown morph probably sub adult
3. Parish: terrebonne
Specific Locality: 26.4518,-91.0694 in gulf from cruise ship (ship moved 5 miles during sighting so location is best i could do)
4. Date(s) when observed: 10/22/16
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3-315 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: richard armstrong, 215 disney lane, sedona, az 86336
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
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): sunny
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):10/42 binoculars, 77mm swarowski scope
11. Distance to bird(s): 10-100 yards
12. Duration of observation: about 15 minutes
13. Habitat: ocean

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): gliding next to ship above, below, and even with me, diving toward water and back up, chasing and eating flying fish (definitely fun to watch that)

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*): red-footed boobies are very variable so i suspect this was a near adult, not a full adult. bill gray, slight red on face at base of bill, feet bright red or orangish red, back uniformly brown, wings uniformly brown, belly brown somewhat splotchy, underwings brown somewhat splotchy, neck & undertail brown,

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): about same size as brown booby, but red feet eliminated brown booby and other boobies

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): none sorry

19. Previous experience with this species: hawaii

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: seabirds of world, sibley west

My exact notes within minutes after last seen - 10 yards eye lvl, glided below, soared above, banked close, brt red/orng-rd ft, gray bill, ltl red on face, same size brwn booby, all brwn above - head, wings, back, tail, spotchy brown belly & underwings, brown undertail throat.

I know that is not great, but i believe bright red feet (seen multiple times including banking right in front of me) are enough to be diagnostic. and seeing it right next to adult brown booby made for good size comparison.

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

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?

_____yes_____

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