

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Red-necked Phalarope - *Phalaropus lobatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
7, I believe mostly molting immatures but perhaps a couple of adults as well
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Gulf of Mexico, ca. 25 miles sse of South Pass, 28.896155, -89.091175
5. Date(s) when observed: 9/14/24
6. Time(s) of day when observed: around 11:30 am
7. Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
many other people on boat, see eBird
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): in good light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): hard to judge on open water but quite close
13. Duration of observation: maybe a few minutes? we sped off to track a tern shortly after we saw these
14. Habitat: open ocean, blue water
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): floating on water, flew when boat came to close

16. 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):

phalaropes with dark patch behind eye, variable amount of blackish on cap, and otherwise white underparts and face/neck. Bill black and thin tipped. Bold white flashes on wings in flight. Above a variable amount of grey and black, with wing feather still mostly black, and some grey in the coverts. White stripes on back apparent on all birds

17. Voice:

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

Red Phalarope would have a thicker bill and would be bigger

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

photos attached

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen thousands before in the west

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

none

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

yes

24. Date report completed:

9/28/24

25. 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

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

Yes



