

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):
3, one clear juvenile and one clear adult, unsure about the other but probably an immature
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Gulf of Mexico, ca. 32 sse of South Pass 28.452548, -89.146729
5. Date(s) when observed: 9/14/24
6. Time(s) of day when observed: around 1pm
7. Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
many other birders 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): good light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): we got fairly close but they flew away quickly once we did
13. Duration of observation: maybe a couple minutes
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): sitting on water and flying when boat got too 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):

juvenile with black back and ear patch, black cap and back of neck, white stripes on black, other more grey above, but still with white stripes, crown more white but still a black ear patch. all with thin pointed beaks and white flashes on wings in flight

17. Voice:

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

Red Phalarope would have a thicker more blunt tipped beak

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

photos attached

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

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

22. Identification aids used when?

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

