

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: **Thayer's Gull** *Larus thayeri*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult gull in alternate plumage
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Route 82 along coast
4. Date(s) when observed: 5/27/2007
5. Time(s) of day when observed: morning, time not recorded
6. Reporting observer and address:
Richard Prentki
430 Donna Drive
Anchorage AK 99504
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Daylight but light conditions not recorded
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Bausch and Lomb 7x24 Discoverer Binoculars, good condition and Leopold Gold Ring Spotting Scope 12x40, good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): not recorded
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
13. Habitat: Gulf sand beach
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): resting only
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 white-headed gull, pale gray back, pink legs, dark iris, pale yellow bill-almost white, with dark red/black spot on outer lower bill. Front of [upper] bill slopes down, bump on lower bill is w[h]ere the spot is. Lower wing goes to white untik mostly black wing tips.” This description was recorded in the field by microrecorder and transcribed into my Birdbase files. Bird did not show any stress, it ignored me.

16. Voice: Did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Ring-billed Gull excluded by dark iris, lack of ring on bill. Herring Gull excluded because of its larger bill, general different appearance and pale iris. Other unlikely light-gray-backed, white-headed gulls excluded (Mew Gull has yellow legs, no mark on bill) (California Gull has yellow legs, marks on both upper and low bill) (Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull don't have enough/any black on wing tips).

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): None

19. Previous experience with this species: A few sightings in Alaska

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley guide, Thayer birding CD

b. after observation: Olsen gull guide

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?	In quotes in #15
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation. At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory	
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images	

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

23. Date: 6/10/2015

Time:10:17 AM

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____yes_____

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