

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

English and Scientific names: Trumpeter Swan, *Cygnus buccinator*. One, immature, sex unknown; at North Farm, Sherburne WMA (restricted access), Iberville Parish, La. Feb. 16, 2024.

Wind: S/5-10

Sky: overcast with occasional light drizzle

Temp: 61

Reporting observer and city/state address

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Original Observer: Jack Rogers, Feb. 6, 2024

This record: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161749051>

Details: An obvious large swan with a fairly white upper body, dusky neck and darker buffy-dusky head and underparts. Some faint duskiness to tips of primaries and retrices, but wings and tail otherwise white.

Legs and bill black, with perhaps a trace of pinker color at inner base of *maxilla*, but difficult to be sure in overcast conditions at some distance. No trace of yellow.

Bill sloped quite evenly, Canvasback-like, with no curve to *maxilla*. Black facial skin extended to eye and formed a "v" on forehead with white head feathers.

See Ebird checklist for additional photos by others.







Voice: not heard.

Discussion: It was associating loosely with ducks and other birds in shallow impoundments, feeding at times, occasionally dabbling; seen standing, swimming, and flying. It seemed quite wary, standing alert and flushing two or three times despite our staying a distance away and remaining in the vehicle, though it circled and tended to land not all that far away but out of sight in other impoundments. No bands.

Optics: Swarovski NL 12x42 binoculars; Swarovski 80 mm HD scope, with 20x60 zoom lens.

Date of report: March 3, 2024

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