

# 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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one

3. Locality: Parish: \_Cameron\_Parish

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Specific Locality: \_east end of Pintail Loop in water swimming

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4. Date(s) when observed: 12/21/16

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey, [m11mehaffey@att.net](mailto:m11mehaffey@att.net); 84305 Cobblestone Ct, Folsom, LA 70437

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Cham Mehaffey

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): previously Marty Guidry

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): cloudy day, but good light conditions, had unobstructed view of bird

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Brunton Scope 60 power, excellent condition; Camera Panasonic Lumix 25 - 600 excellent condition

11. Distance to bird(s): about 100 yds

12. Duration of observation: 8 minutes

13. Habitat: large pond with vegetation

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): bird swimming in and out of reeds

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): large white swan about 50" long much larger than the Snow Geese by it, with grayish face and pinkish bill with black at base; very long neck much longer than Snow Geese, large oval white body

16. Voice: did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): juvenile Trumpeter Swan has much more black at the base of the bill

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photo by Mary Mehaffey attached

19. Previous experience with this species: never seen before

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): previously reported by Marty Guidry

a. at time of observation: pointed out by refuge employee and used Sibley Guide to Birds

b. after observation: Sibley Guide to Birds

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_x\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_notes attached?);\_\_\_notes made after the observation (date:\_\_\_); \_\_\_memory.

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

23. Date: \_2/6/17\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_5:00 p.m.\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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