

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: **Tundra Swan, *Cygnus columbianus***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One (1) juvenile
3. Parish: **Cameron**
Specific Locality: **Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.**
4. Date(s) when observed: **Dec. 14, 2016**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **8:00 am**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Michael Musumeche, 1621 Southwood Dr., New Iberia, LA, 70560**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Deanna Gribbs**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **overcast**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Swarovski scope and binoculars**
11. Distance to bird(s): **about 300 yards**
12. Duration of observation: **about 30 minutes**

13. Habitat: **marshy area of the lake with scattered small ponds**

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

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*): **Swan with relatively small all pink bill with a black tip, dingy white neck and whiter body, mottled black front half of head, black legs**

16. Voice: **not heard**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Trumpeter Swan, non-black base of bill, black legs, only neck dingy white.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes by #6 above and forwarded to Paul Conover.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Very little**

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **see #20 above**

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: **14/Dec/2016**

Time: **7:00 pm**

24. 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** _____

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





