

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):

1 bird seen, immature plumage

3. Louisiana - Parish: Cameron Parish

Specific Locality: Pintail Wildlife Drive (see attached map)

4. Date(s) when observed:

12/15/2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Arrived at 7. Found and observed from approximately 8-8:30am

6. Reporting observer and address:

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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Billy Jones and David Booth. Arrived separately.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): N/A

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): very overcast, early morning

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Located by scope Redfield Rampage 20-60x60mm. Photographed with Nikon D7000 with 600mm.

11. Distance to bird(s): I estimate it was seen at approximately 200 yards. It was at a distance where it was not visible without a scope.

12. Duration of observation: about 30 minutes

13. Habitat: refuge impoundments. Marsh

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

Bird was associating with Snow Geese. It was in water. About half the time, it would lower its head (presumably feeding under water).

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):

Large bird (roughly just under twice the size of a Snow Goose). Dark pinkish bill with black. Long neck and large body. Head is a sooty gray color, fading as it continues down the neck lighter gray and then white on the body.

16. Voice: not noted

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

Trumpeter Swan immature very similar. Size seemed to fit Tundra better when compared to adjacent Snow Goose. Bill size relative to head seemed better for Tundra.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): One cropped photo I took that morning is attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

Bird had been spotted the day before, so I read up on identifying immature swans the night before.

https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Tundra_Swan/id

<https://www.sibleyguides.com/2006/02/distinguishing-trumpeter-and-tundra-swans/>

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	No; see eBird
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	Day of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: No. If there is some overlap in size of immature Trumpeter Swan, it could certainly be that.

23. Date: 12/20/2016

Time: 12:20

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.



Tundra Swan location

December 15, 2018
Cameron Parish, LA
Cameron Prairie NWR
Pintail Wildlife Drive

Legend

Work area

