

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: Black Rail, *Laterallus jamaicensis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 individual. Sex & age unknown
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Holly Beach, East Restoration 29.76473, -93.36971
4. Date(s) when observed: May 23, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:56pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Katie B. Barnes, 5510 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier, LA 70643
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): N/A
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): Bird was detected by call only, from the marsh north of Holly Beach East Restoration in early afternoon.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Audio only
11. Distance to bird(s): ~50-100m
12. Duration of observation: 8 minutes
13. Habitat: Coastal marsh, sea oxeye, other short grasses, possibly some saltmarsh

goldenrod, and *Panicum* sp., present. Roseau Cane is present along marsh edge bordering the coastline where the bird had been originally detected along Holly Beach.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was calling continuous “kicky-drr” notes. Recording available.

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*): N/A

16. Voice: “kicky-drr” *pause* “kicky-drr” *pause* “kicky-drr”

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): distinctive, unmistakable call unique to BLRA.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, recordings by observer. I can attach recording.

19. Previous experience with this species: Yes, conducted surveys for this species in SW Arizona in 2011 and 2014.

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

a. at time of observation: N/A

b. after observation: Detected and confirmed by call at approximately 8:30pm on 24 May 2017, by Van Remsen, Lisa Elizondo, Cameron Rutt, Marybeth Lima
Bird detected on an early morning Audubon LA marsh bird survey Friday, 26 May 2017, by Collin Brown, in same location around 5:30-6:30am
Recordings confirmed and converted to appropriate audio file type by Erik Johnson

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: 100% positive

23. Date: 5/23/2017
Time: 12:56pm

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_____