

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Black Rail
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one
3. Parish: Cameron  
Specific Locality: Broussard Beach Marsh. The exact location was about 0.5 miles west of the beach access road (where the rusty tricycle is located).
4. Date(s) when observed: March 24, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:45am
6. Reporting observer and address: Jim Holmes, 4109 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Not applicable
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Not applicable
11. Distance to bird(s): ~75 feet (?)
12. Duration of observation: Not applicable
13. Habitat: saltgrass marsh (limited water) between Broussard Beach Road and

Broussard Beach. The bird was in the saltgrass (not the Roseau cane).

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

Not applicable

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*):

Notes put into eBird at time of observation:

I played tape in the marsh area between the beach and Broussard Beach road. After multiple attempts I eventually had a bird respond with typical call. Kee-kee-do. It only called twice. I stayed around and played tape more but no subsequent response. This was well west of the usual access road to the beach. The bird was not seen. This is a different location than where the birds were reported in 2013 and fall of 2016 (near the rusty tricycle).

16. Voice: Kee-Kee-Do

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): none with similar sounds

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none

19. Previous experience with this species: I have heard Black Rail on multiple occasions. Most recently, I heard the species on March 11, 2017.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S35107226>

I have also previously voice recorded the species:

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S23648019>

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

a. at time of observation: I was playing black rail tape throughout the morning. The bird sounded like the tape but I had just stopped the tape when it called (the tape was not being played when I heard it).

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: March 25, 2017  
Time: 21:30

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_