

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: Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
Two presumed adults; seemingly an established pair.
3. Parish: Terrebonne
Specific Locality: N. Hollywood Rd., Houma
4. Date(s) when observed: 2 February 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 0758-0815
6. Reporting observer and address: James W. Beck, 5077 Highland Dr. Marrero, LA 70072
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Linda Kingsland, Rob Dobbs, Van Remsen, Dan Lane, Oscar Johnson, many observers.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Michael Autin, many observers.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 8x42 Diamondbacks
11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 10-15 yards
12. Duration of observation: 17 minutes
13. Habitat: Marsh with open water and surrounding *Salix nigra* stands
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Birds were actively feeding on apple snails (*Pomacea* sp.), loafing, preening and associating with other wading birds.

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*): Medium-sized wading bird, a bit larger than White Ibis. Largely brown and white plumaged bird. Brown body and neck feathers divided with white, legs dark and bill orange-yellow with dark tip.

16. Voice: n/a

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Immature White Ibis does not possess the intricate brown and white feather patterning, neck streaking, is smaller and has differently-colored legs and bill.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, my images attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Everglades 2015

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

a. at time of observation: n/a

b. after observation: n/a

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: 8 February 2018

Time: 1449

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 _____





