

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):
1 adult.
3. Parish: Terrebonne

Specific Locality: "Limpkin Spot." South end of Lake Houma along N. Hollywood Rd between St. Louis Canal Rd and Williams Ave.

4. Date(s) when observed: 18 February, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:19 am for about 30 minutes.
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Gerry Click
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Numerous observers over past several weeks after the birds were initially found.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Mostly sunny,

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Alpen Rainier 8x42 binoculars in very good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): Less than 10 feet.

12. Duration of observation: For about 30 minutes.

13. Habitat: Edge of shallow, freshwater lake/swamp.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): When we arrived, there were about 6-8 other people there viewing and photographing one of the birds. When we crossed the street, the bird we saw was standing near the base of a willow tree less than 10 feet from the other side of the orange plastic "fencing" erected by the local bird club. It walked maybe 10 feet into the shady, very low limbs of the willow and stayed there for nearly 30 minutes. It called occasionally, about 8-10 times total. It finally flew to the cat tails that were about 8 feet directly behind it. After it entered those, it called again. We left shortly after that.

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*): White Ibis-sized bird, all brown with white streaks over most plumage except for belly and flight feathers. White streaks on back were down central part of feathers. Face very pale brown white lots of white streaking down all sides of neck. Eyes brown. Sturdy, slightly downcurved bill yellowish brown at base and turning dark gray about halfway down. Legs dark.

16. Voice: Loud, high-pitched, descending krowww!! Began not with a fast stuttering k-k-k-k as heard on recordings, but a sound more similar to a roll of the tongue. Heard 8-10 times.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Juvenile White Ibis eliminated by bill/leg coloration and white streaking instead of white splotches. Voice also eliminates other species.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: zero.

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

a. at time of observation: none.

b. after observation: none.

21. This description is written from:

memory
study of images

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

23. Date: 21 Feb, 2018

Time: 1:04pm

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_____

