

# 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: Limpkin Aramus Guarauna
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 2 in unknow plumage as there is evidence of molt.
3. Parish: Terrebonne  
Specific Locality: Hollywood Road, Limpkin hotspot in Houma
4. Date(s) when observed: 1/31/2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:58p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Joan Garvey 1320 New York St., New Orleans, LA, 70122
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): David Muth
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): David Muth
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon EOS 7D Mark II with EF 400mm IS Mark II DO USM lens in excellent condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 30 feet
12. Duration of observation: 35 minutes

13. Habitat: Marsh adjacent to Lake Houma. Birds were foraging near marsh grass and water covered by water hyacinth.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): One bird was resting while another was foraging. There were piles of opened apple snail shells on the banks.

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*): They were large heron-type birds mostly dark brown with white feathers throughout the head, neck, wings and body. The birds had long slightly decurved bills.

16. Voice: The birds did vocalize. We were familiar with the Limpkin call as we played it at another location earlier in the year.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None that I can think of.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos were obtained

19. Previous experience with this species: None

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Stokes, Nat Geo, and Sibley field guides plus Ibird pro phone app.

a. at time of observation: Ibird pro

b. after observation: field guides noted above.

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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 2/5/2018  
Time: 1:13 p.m.

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 \_\_\_\_\_