

LOS LONG FORM

1. English and Scientific Names:

Limpkin, *Aramus guarauna*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage:

One, sex unknown, age appeared to be adult.

3. Locality: Louisiana (parish): / Specific Locality:

Terrebonne Parish, Western Shore of Lake Houma at Drainage Structure along North Hollywood Road.

4. Date(s) when observed:

February 2, 2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

10:00-11:50 AM / Mid-late morning.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner, 428 Hickory Hill Drive, Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified bird(s):

Janine Robin, Mary Mehaffey, Tom Pollock, and others.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

J. van Remsen, Michael J. Musumeche, David Booth, David Muth, and many others.

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

Overcast without shadows.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Binoculars, Zeiss Conaquest HD 10x42, Good Condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

25-50 feet.

12. Duration of observation:

Off and on for approximately an hour and a half.

13. Habitat

Marsh

14. Behavior of bird:

There may have been a pair of birds. Only one was observed. Bird was located in thick patch of cut grass at first. It subsequently walked out of the patch for several minutes. Later it left the patch and approached the shore and, from time to time, fed on apple snails.

15. Description:

Large, tall, long-necked wading bird. Long bill, slightly bent at tip. Body brown in color with mostly white spots and some streaks.

16. Voice:

Very high pitched "kwEEEEer", some clicking.

17. Similar species.

Somewhat resembles an immature white ibis.

18. Photographs or tape recording obtained? (by whom? Attached?):

Attached.

19. Previous experience with species.

A number seen on two separate trips to central and southern Florida.



