

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
two adults possible mated pair
3. Locality: Parish: _Terrebonne_
Specific Locality: In a wetland area along N. Hollywood Road on north side of Houma
4. Date(s) when observed: 2-3-18
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:35 am until 11:35 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Charles Lyon Shreveport, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Jeff and Jean Trahan and Rosemary Seidler
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): multiple others there including Paul Conover, Nancy Newfield, Phil and Cathy DiSalvo
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): adequate
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): binoculars See multiple photos.
11. Distance to bird(s): As close as 20 feet
12. Duration of observation: off and on for 3 hours
13. Habitat: wetland area with marsh, canals, shallow lakes, and some woodland edge
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Both birds were actively feeding on Giant Apple Snails (*Pomacea maculata*) which were plentiful in this area. See photos of a live snail and multiple snail shells. At times both birds were hiding in a small marshy island, and I suspect they may nest in this area. I did not see active nest building while I was there, but this should be watched for.
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): Dark brown white streaked and spotted waders with long slightly decurved orange yellow bills with dark tips, walking about in an ungainly "limping" gait.

16. Voice: The birds, or at least one of them, was intermittently and spontaneously vocal on numerous occasions giving an almost unnerving scream that is unmistakable and specific to this species.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I took multiple photos of both birds, multiple habitat photos, and photos of Giant Apple Snails, all of which are attached to this record.

19. Previous experience with this species: extensive in multiple countries

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: multiple field guides

21. This description is written from: ☒ review of my eBird report and photos ☐ notes made during the observation (☐ notes attached?); ☐ notes made after the observation (date:); ☐ memory.

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

23. Date: 2-25-18 Time: 12:30 am

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









































