

# 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, age unknown, in standard plumage.
3. Parish: Specific Locality: Terrebonne, North Hollywood Road in Houma, lat 29.6117 long -90.7211.
4. Date(s) when observed: February 4, 2018.
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:25 – 9:40 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Mark Pethke, 5655 Hickory Ridge Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70817.
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): A local resident also seeking the bird; unfortunately, I do not recall her name.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): None.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast, clear. See photos.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon Rebel XS Digital SLR, 250 mm zoom lens, both in excellent condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): 50 feet.
12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes.
13. Habitat: Marsh.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird emerged from reeds and walked slowly along shoreline, disappeared briefly behind a wooded area, then retraced its steps along the shoreline back to the reeds.
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): See photos.

16. Voice: Bird was non-vocal.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): See photos.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See attached photos, taken by observer/submitting person.

19. Previous experience with this species: None.

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

a. at time of observation: National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition.

b. after observation: Posting five photos on Facebook to the Louisiana Birds and Birdwatching group.

21. This description is written from: memory and study of images.

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes. This bird has been observed at this location multiple times in the past week.

23. Date: February 4, 2018.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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.









