

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
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 2
Sex & Age unknown
3. Parish: Terrebonne Parish
Specific Locality: N. Hollywood Road, Pumping Area of Lake Houmas, Houma, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: 1st time – Jan 31, 2018 and everyday through today 2/8/2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Mostly morning, but was making 2 visits a day for the first few days.
6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, 5051 Bridgeport Way, Houma, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Paul Schaub on 2/3/2018, rest I was alone
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
Paul Schaub
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Area is normally shaded but there were times of sun
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Nikon P530 Camera
11. Distance to bird(s): Varied from 30 feet to 60 feet
12. Duration of observation: Anywhere from 5 to 30 minutes at a time
13. Habitat: Marsh with reeds and trees, wintered

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Standing, vocalizing, eating, walking and flying

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*):

Bird looks like a mix of a great egret, rail and ibis...but distinctly differs from all

16. Voice: Heard calls several times

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

Beak not as curved as ibis, very different overall

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

Kathy Rhodes, photos & video

19. Previous experience with this species:

None

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

a. at time of observation: Michael Autin, who knew cause he saw it in Florida before

b. after observation: Field Guide and internet research

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

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

Yes

23. Date: Feb. 8, 2018

Time: 10:50am

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_____



