

# 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): one
3. Parish: Terrebonne  
Specific Locality: Lake Houma, N Hollywood rd, Houma, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/2/2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:36 AM-11:30 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin 13083 Blackwell Lane, Franklinton, LA 70438
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Malise Prieto and Claire Thomas
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Jay Huner, Tom Pollock were there when I was there. However, the bird was discovered on 1/31/17 and seen by many other birders.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast sky, Bird was standing in reeds and also in very shallow water. Lighting was fair, no direct sunshine.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Lumix F28 25-600 mm lens. Steiner 8x42 binoculars.
11. Distance to bird(s): 30-45 feet

12. Duration of observation: approximately an hour.

13. Habitat: shallow, marshy fresh water. Connected to Lake Houma.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): resting and feeding. Hiding in tall reeds and would come out to pluck up an apple snail. A little skittish, but that was due to several observers nearby.

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*): tall, gangly bird that looked like a large rail. Chocolate brown on back and tail, with bold white spots on its back and wings. Very long bill with a slight downcurve, dark eye. Its neck was brown with white specks.

16. Voice: very loud squawk.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Looked like a very large rail.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. Myself. Yes. Also video at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MFTwOUHbiGNN-WUfv5TE5sUHh2MctGfe/view>

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen once before in Kissimee, FL

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

a. at time of observation: Past observation, other birders present

b. after observation: Studied photos taken.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 2/5/2018  
Time:5:42 PM

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

