

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):
one bird

3. Parish: Terrebonne

Specific Locality: The Limpkin hotspot just north of the Houma city limits on N. Hollywood Road.

4. Date(s) when observed:

February 18, 2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

8:05-8:30 AM

6. Reporting observer and address: John P. Sevenair

325 Stafford Place, New Orleans LA 70124

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

none

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

many

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

It was a fairly bright cloudy day. See the photos.

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

Canon EOS 70D with 400 mm telephoto lens

11. Distance to bird(s):

Maybe 50-75 feet

12. Duration of observation:

25 minutes

13. Habitat:

Swampy area, heavily modified by dredging.

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

The bird walked along the far bank, sometimes on shore, sometimes in the water. At one time it attacked a bivalve (see the photos).

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 the photos.

16. Voice:

The bird probably vocalized, but I don't know its voice.

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

See the photos

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

I will attach some of my photos

19. Previous experience with this species:

Not much--one long-ago sighting in Florida, some recent sightings in South America.

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

Memory, mostly

a. at time of observation:

Memory, mostly

b. after observation:

Memory, mostly

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. There are no other birds in its family. It's distinctive.

23. Date: Feb. 18, 2018

Time:2:30 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









