

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
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:

Ruff

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 – non-breeding plumage, likely male

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Jefferson Davis Parish, working wetland field approximately one-half mile south of LA 380 – about one-half mile west of Thornwell, LA.

4. Date(s) when observed:

November 2, 2017

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Around 3:30 PM CDST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

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

Paul Bacich, Michael Seymour, Arthur Liles, and others.

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

Unknown.

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

Early afternoon, light over shoulder. No shade issues.

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

Observed through several different scopes.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Around 100 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

Several minutes.

13. Habitat:

Working wetland field from which rice had apparently been harvested and then plowed in preparation for rice planting in spring 2018. No vegetation. Mud. 40-50 acre field covered with 1-2" of water.

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

Bird was in amongst a closely knit flock of dowitchers and basically didn't do much except scratch its head with a foot.

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):

Bird somewhat resembled a Greater Yellowlegs but back was scaly buff. Leg and foot that I saw were scarlet red. Bill short.

16. Voice: Not heard.

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

Greater Yellowlegs but back color pattern, shorter bill, and scarlet red leg and foot discount GRYE.

18. Photos/Recordings:

None.

19. Previous experience with this species:

One observed in Louisiana in 2012 and several observed in Finland in 2008.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide and Sibley's Field Guide.

21. This description is written from: ___notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation; memory.

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

Yes.

23. Signature of reporter __Jay V. Huner__