

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. **English and Scientific names:** Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
2. **Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage:** 1 male in (or coming into) alternate plumage.
3. **Parish:** Jefferson David Parish
Specific Locality: Pecan Orchard Road east of Mount Trashmore.
4. **Date(s) when observed:** May 3, 2020
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** 1630 h.
6. **Reporting observer and city/state address**
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7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):** Buford Myers, Joan Garvey, Mark Meunier
8. **Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):** see Ebird
9. **Light:** Bright afternoon in SW—we were looking north.
10. **Optical equipment:** 10x5 Eagle Platinum binos and Pentax scope
11. **Distance to bird(s):** Perhaps 30-40 meters?
12. **Duration of observation:** less than 5 minutes I believe
13. **Habitat:** flooded rice field with standing rice.
14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation:** Foraging with other shorebirds, ducks and wading birds. We were in a Covid convoy. Joan and Mark were checking the field from the SE corner and Mac and I from the SW—the view was better from the corners. All of us got on it at more or less the same time. Once I was sure everyone was

on it I ran to my car to get my camera only to discover when I tried to get a shot that it was missing a SIM card. Luckily Joan was better prepared. While I was inserting a back-up card it took flight and we lost it, despite searching nearby fields. See checklist:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S68361786>

15. Description:

CHECKLIST S68361786

Sun **3 May 2020** 4:22 PM [Edit date and effort](#)


Pecan Orchard Road [Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, United States](#) [Edit location](#)

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Buford (Mac) Myers [i](#), Mark Meunier [i](#),
joan garvey [i](#)

Traveling Complete [i](#)

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85 mostly clear, S 10.
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30
Species observed
+2 other taxa
952 individuals

- 4 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**
- 35 Fulvous Whistling-Duck**
- 2 Wood Duck**


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Details: Second rice field east of N. Adam's on Pecan Orchard. Black morph coming into breeding plumage. My view was through weeds on dike but JG obtained photos before it flew with a mixed flock. A tall GRYE sized bird though dumpier. Mostly black breast, yellowish legs, bi-colored bill, a little pale-whitish area at bill base; breast mostly black but some lighter feathers. Look forward to Joan's photos. I ran for my camera only to discover a missing SIM card.

Media:



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16. **Voice:** not heard

17. **Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):** none

really of a Ruff in that plumage except long-shot Spotted Redshank which is slimmer, with a thinner bill, etc..

18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):** see in checklist by Joan Garvey

19. **Previous experience with this species:** A few in Louisiana and in Portugal.

20. **Identification aids:**

a. **at time of observation:** none

b. **after observation:** none

21. **This description is written from:** Ebird checklist entered in App.

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

23. **Date:** 2/18/21

Time: 2230 h.

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