

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: Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 male in alternate plumage
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Little Chenier Road on south side of road across from hunting club
4. Date(s) when observed: April 17, 2022
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 6:00 pm
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
City: Lafayette
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): originally found by Esme Rosen, received a text from Charlotte Chekotsky informing me of the birds location
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright, since I was heading west looking into the sun, first noticed bird on south side of road on a mudflat, turned around and took photos from the road.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 8x42, fair condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 8'to 15'
12. Duration of observation: total: ~ 45 seconds

13. Habitat: exposed mudflat in brackish marsh that needed rain

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

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*): the bird almost resemble a Yellowlegs with noticeable brown/rufous color around the neck, shorter bill, distinct white spot on wings as it flew off.

16. Voice: none

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

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

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: iBird Pro, NatGeo Birds of North America 7th edition

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	5/16/2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images https://ebird.org/checklist/S107337937		

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

23. Date: May 16, 2022

Time: 9:20 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 _____



