

# 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: Ruff, *Calidris pugnax*

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

1 male mostly in alternate plumage

3. Parish: Cameron

Specific Locality: Little Chenier Road

4. Date(s) when observed: 4/17/2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:00PM, mid afternoon

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Nick Ramsey, Charlotte Chekotsky, James Smithers, and others relocated the bird

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Slightly side lit but otherwise very good

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

11. Distance to bird(s): very close, 3-8 yards

12. Duration of observation: ~5 min

13. Habitat: damaged marsh, with extensive muddy canals and ponds

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): feeding, appeared to be associating loosely with a Hudsonian Godwit when I saw it

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*): Large distinctively shaped-shorebird; about the same height as the adjacent Hudsonian Godwit, but with a proportionally plumper body and smaller head, and slightly shorter legs. The bill was looked rather short for the size and was thin and slightly decurved, much shorter and not as straight as the godwit's. The coloration was overall orange, slightly paler than the godwit. There was a good amount of black on the upperparts, giving the bird a scaled appearance, and the tertials were barred black and orange. The front of the chest was black, with the very beginnings of an orange ruff beginning to form, though this was largely absent – near the top of the neck, there were some feathers missing, likely where the ruff was supposed to be. The head was orange, and there were pale crescents around the eyes. The legs were green and the belly white.

16. Voice: not observed

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): no similar species at this distance and in this plumage

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Some prior experience from Europe

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

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: 4/22/2022

Time: 8:43PM

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\_\_\_\_\_



