

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 female-type in alternate plumage
3. Parish: Jefferson Davis
Specific Locality: Pecan Orchard Road, Welsh, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: 10/24/2023
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 09:45 AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Casey Wright
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana

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

Andrew From

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

Eamon Corbett, Nick Ramsey, other YRARF leaders and participants

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

Bright conditions, no shade impacting viewing conditions

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

Swarovski 10x50 binoculars, good condition; Nikon d7200 w/200-500mm lens; FT leader spotting scope

11. Distance to bird(s):

30-40 meters; close enough to accurately ID with binos

12. Duration of observation:

20 minutes

13. Habitat:

flooded rice field with 1-3" water

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

Foraging with mixed flock of peeps, mainly Least and Western Sandpipers; flushed twice; not refound after second time

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 shorebird, similar in size to Greater Yellowlegs, but bulkier with bright orange legs. Brown scalloped feathers on back, buffy head and neck; white belly; short, slightly decurved bill.

16. Voice: Not heard

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

Eliminated from Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs by orange legs, bulkier body, coloration and markings

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

Yes, my photos are attached

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:

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: 3/21/2024

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 _____





