

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: Yellow Rail, Coturnicops noveboracensis
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 4 apparently to be adults
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Vermillion
(parish)
Cassineade (just north of Kaplan) Hwy 13
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 10-29-92
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Roger J. Breedlove
1020 Oxford St.
Alexandria, La. 71301
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
N/A
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
N/A
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): None
11. Distance to bird(s): 20-100 ft.
12. Duration of observation: Each event was of 5-10 sec. duration
13. Habitat: Rice fields under harvest

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
I jumped a ride on a combine - each bird that I saw fluttered from beneath the oncoming reaper.

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): *Small dark rail w/ short bill. trailing 1/2 of secondary were white. Longish rounded wings - heavy flight using the entire wing in typical rail fashion. Slightly smaller than Gora. This difference appears very slight, however, when the flapping bird is viewed from above. The difference in color is also not too discernible from above.*

16. Voice: *N/A*

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Gora + Virginia lack large white patches on secondary flight feathers.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): *N/A*

19. Previous experience with this species: *Observed 2 in fall of '91 in rice field about 5 miles north of Cassinade.*

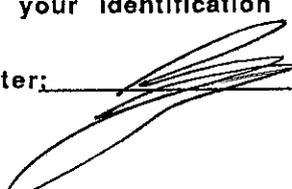
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): *Peterson's & N. G.*

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: *Yes - positive*

23. Signature of reporter:  *10-30-92 7:00 p.m.*
(date) (time)