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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
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
ONE
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) ST. TAMMANY
Specific Locality: 309 RUE PIPER
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/26/03
5. Time(s) of day when observed: afternoon
6. Reporting observer and address: NOEL PEYTON
309 RUE PIPER
SUDEN, LA. 70461
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *Identified* the bird(s):
Ø
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
RICHARD HALE
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
MID-DAY BRIGHT SUN
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Ø
11. Distance to bird(s): 2 FEET
12. Duration of observation: 1 1/2 Hours - This bird was brought to me after being taken from the swimming pool filter of a doctor who lives on the marsh edges. He thought the bird was injured and brought it to me to have brought to Wild Bird Center or Refuge for care/medical attention. Bird was most likely suffering of hypothermia initially.

13. Habitat:

^{Home} Owner lives on the edge of the marsh in Slidell, surrounded by 30 acres of undisturbed wetlands which leads to the house

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

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):

A small very short-tailed bird, wings do not reach tail-end with large feet belonging to marsh birds. Darkish bill, Golden brown color with barred/mottled areas throughout neck and chest, mottling was brown, lighter feathers which almost appeared bluish scattered over head, back & neck, Dark crown and dark areas under eye to a brown cheek patch.

16. Voice:

One "tick" sound while in box

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

Sora is similar but tail is longer on sora. This bird was smaller than sora.

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

NOEL PEYTON / JARED PEYTON (photographer)

19. Previous experience with this species:

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

a. at time of observation:

2:00pm

b. after observation:

2:06pm

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date: 12/26); memory.

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

See picture provided.

23. Signature of reporter: Noel B Peyton Date: _____ Time: _____



Yellow Rail
Photos by Jared Peyton

12/26/2008

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