

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:

Black Rail, *Laterallus jamaicensis*

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

One

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Cameron Parish. Broussard Beach Access Road. NE of intersection of two sand roadways immediately north of beach. Note: rusty pink tricycle.

4. Date(s) when observed:

October 29, 2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

7:45 AM CDST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

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

M. J. Musumche

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

D. Dittmann, Erik Johnson, others.

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

Overcast – heard only.

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

None – heard only.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 20 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

Several minutes.

13. Habitat:

Bird apparently in area where beach grass met tall Roseau Cane band between beach and Broussard Beach Road.

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

Heard only.

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):

Heard only – see below.

16. Voice:

Musumeche playing Black Rail call on Birdjam. Bird(s?) found preceding day at site by Erik Johnson. I heard a weak Kee Kee Doo and we both heard the “Growl” call.

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

None.

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

None.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have heard Black Rails calling on several previous occasions.

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

- a. at time of observation: BirdJam
- b. after observation: None

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain. Yes, but see discussion above.

23. Signature of reporter signed Jay V. Huner date_11-01-2016_ time 4:50 PM.