

# 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):  
**2, sex and age unknown.**
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish)  
Cameron  
Specific Locality: Entrance to Broussard Beach
4. Date(s) when observed: **29 October 2016**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **approx 4pm.**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Daniel Lane LSU Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **David Stejskal (coleader) and 14 tour participants.**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **Erik Johnson (original finder), Jay Huner, others.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **clear, mid-afternoon sun.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **n/a**
11. Distance to bird(s): **between 8-20 feet**
12. Duration of observation: **20 min.**

13. Habitat: [saltgrass near Phragmites stand about 200 ft from open beach.](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [first gave growl call in response to playback, then approached speaker \(but unobserved\) and growled and sang \(recordings obtained\) before retreating towards Phragmites and away from our group.](#)

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): [n/a](#)

16. Voice: [Growl and 'kee-kee-der' vocalizations heard and recorded.](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [none.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): [Sound recordings made by me. See:   
<https://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S32306582>](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Heard three times in US \(including at this same locality\), as well as in Peru \(two extralimital subspecies involved there\).](#)

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): [None.](#)

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:\_\_\_\_\_);   
\_X\_memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [Yes.](#)

23. Signature of reporter: [\\_\\_Daniel Lane\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#) Date: [\\_\\_3 Nov 2016\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#) Time: [\\_\\_9:45pm.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? [\\_\\_Yes.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes. \_\_\_\_\_

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