

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
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
Two
3. Parish: Cameron Parish
Specific Locality: Drag Line Survey, Cameron Parish
4. Date(s) when observed: December 1, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:30 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Thomas Finnie, Sulphur, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Justin Lehman, David Booth, Sara Abshire, William Ohlenforst, Dave Patton, Angela Trahan
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Same
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Night time
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D300
11. Distance to bird(s): Ten feet
12. Duration of observation: twenty minutes for the captured Black Rail. A few minutes for the Black Rail that escaped.
13. Habitat: Marsh near Gulf

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Running in close proximity due to drag line.

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): Both Black Rails were close and clearly seen.

16. Voice: Black Rail calls were heard by participants before capture.

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

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Justin Lehman, the leader has had experience with Black Rails.

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

a. at time of observation: None needed: see picture

b. after observation: None needed: see picture

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

23. Date: April 3, 2018

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

