

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis*

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

Two; apparent females.

3. Parish: Cameron

Specific Locality: private property south of HWY 82 immediately west of Cameron Pass and about 200-300 yards from the beach. Part of continuing BLRA and YERA research project.

4. Date(s) when observed: 26 March, 2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:05pm

6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Erik Johnson, Cameron Rutt, Sam Saunders, Melissa Roach, Tom Johnson

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

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Not needed.
11. Distance to bird(s): In hand.
12. Duration of observation: 35-40 minutes.
13. Habitat: elevated salt prairie; BLRA in *Spartina spartinae*.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Birds in hand for banding.
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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): See photos. Small rail, all charcoal gray with thin dark bill and red eyes. Chestnut brown along nape and part of neck and back of head. White speckles virtually everywhere except breast and face.
16. Voice: Not heard.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): In-hand ID; no real similar species.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes by myself and others.
19. Previous experience with this species: None.

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:

memory

study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes.

23. Date: 30 March, 2018

Time: 2:45pm

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_____





