

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: Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 4 adult individuals, sexes unknown
3. Parish: Lafourche
Specific Locality: The entrance to Lake Beouf at the northern terminus of Theriot Canal
4. Date(s) when observed: 30 December 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~12:30 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Joshua Sylvest, 321 N. Millet Ave (P.O. Box 1543), Gramercy, LA, 70052
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Gennie and Michael Maronge
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): NA
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast skies, no extreme light conditions
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica binoculars, 10x42, good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): Ranged from 20 to 45 feet
12. Duration of observation: We were able to spend 7 or 8 minutes in fairly close proximity

13. Habitat: Shallow, freshwater pond edge with abundant floating and submerged vegetation.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The birds were loafing/feeding when we first found them. They required a u-turn at which point we flushed them, though they were pretty tame and did not fly far, so we were able to get better looks and additional images. At least one bird was observed with an apple snail in its bill.

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*): Long-necked, long-legged wading bird, maybe a little bigger than an ibis. Bill has slight downward curve, not nearly as dramatic as an ibis, and was pale or straw-colored. The flight feathers and tail were a solid rich brown. The head, neck, back and wing coverts were brown with white streaking throughout.

16. Voice: They did not vocalize.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Fairly distinct wading bird, superficially resembling others of the same size at a distance. We were close enough and the birds observed and photographed well enough to eliminate any other possibility with combination of above characteristics.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. I was able to take several decent cell phone images.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen several times years ago in peninsular Florida.

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

a. at time of observation: NA

b. after observation: NA

21. This description is written from:

	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	23 Jan 2018

x	memory
x	study of images

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

23. Date: 23 January 2018

Time: 9:00 AM

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____ Yes _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ___ Yes _____





