

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):
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3. Parish: Terrebonne
Specific Locality: North Hollywood Road, Houma
4. Date(s) when observed: March 23 and 24, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: March 23: 6:30pm March 24: 7:01am (bird out in open on our arrival)
6. Reporting observer and address: James F. Holmes (Jim), 4109 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): James F. Holmes, Sr.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Stakeout (unsure who originally found the bird)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x42 binoculars in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 85 – 100 feet

12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes

13. Habitat: freshwater marsh

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): On March 23, it was walking into the reeds. On March 24, it was standing on the boom.

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*): A large ibis/heron type bird. It was uniformly brown with white spotting to its wings, back and chest. Head and neck had white streaking. Eye dark. Bill light orange with dark tip. Legs dark.

16. Voice: It gave three loud calls on March 23. It was not heard on March 24.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
White-faced/Glossy Ibis ruled out by extensive white streaking/spotting.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by my father, James F. Holmes, Sr. are submitted with the report and can also be viewed in the eBird report:

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S43905318>

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species on numerous occasions, most recently on January 24, 2018 in Costa Rica.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: March 31, 2018

Time: 12:30pm

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_____