

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): 2
3. Parish: Terrebonne
Specific Locality: GPS coordinates: 29.611750, -90.721111, N. Hollywood Rd, Houma, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: February 3, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Jeff Trahan, 505 Americana Dr, Shreveport, LA 71105
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Charles Lyon, Rosemary Seidler, Jean Trahan
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): mostly overcast
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
10x42 Swarovsky binoculars, plus 1 d x Mark II Canon camera with 600 mm lens
11. Distance to bird(s): from 20 to 50 yards
12. Duration of observation: 3 hrs
13. Habitat:



The two limpkins spent a lot of time resting in the reeds in the center of this photograph.



Apple snail shells. One of the Limpkins was seen eating an Apple snail.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): These birds were active when we arrived at about 9:15 a.m. for a few minutes. They then entered the reeds seen in the habitat photo above and remained there almost stationary until just approximately 11:30 a.m. when they emerged and began to feed.

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 attached photos.

16. Voice: These two birds did vocalize several times.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Nothing similar.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos taken by Jeff Trahan attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: One observation in central Florida.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley and Nat Geo

b. after observation: Sibley and Nat Geo

21. This description is written from: **See attached photos.**

<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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: February 10, 2018
Time: 11:00 a.m.

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 _____

















