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. <u>Attach additional pages or files as necessary</u>. 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 <<u>zoiseaux@lusfiber.net></u>.

1. English and Scientific names: Limpkin Aramus guarauna

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

1, sex and age unknown

3. Parish: Terrebonne

Specific Locality: Houma, North Hollywood Road (3040) about .2 miles from St. Louis Canal Road

4. Date(s) when observed: 2/23/18

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:30 PM

- 6. Reporting observer and address: Casey Wright
- 137 Petes Wharf Lane, Grand Isle, LA 70358

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): None

8. <u>Other observers who</u> *independently identified* the bird(s): Numerous observers over the last couple months

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

Great light conditions

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

10x50 binoculars, great conditions (Swarovski)

11. Distance to bird(s):

100 feet

- 12. Duration of observation:
- 15 minutes

13. Habitat: Freshwater swamp beside a busy highway

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Flew out of vegetation and landed on the bank. Spent whole time of observation preening

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):

Wading bird that is similar is size and proportions to White Ibis but with shorter bill and primarily brown with white speckling throughout, except flight feathers. Bill orange at base with darker tip and slightly decurved. Long legged with dark legs

16. Voice: 4-5 calls were heard shortly after I arrived. Loud Kreow.

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

White Ibis, but this bird had a shorter, slightly decurved bill and the plumage was a rich brown with white speckling.

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

Photographs obtained by me and attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

Seen in the Everglades in 2007

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None at this time because I was already familiar with the species. I likely used a Sibley the first time it was observed.

a. at time of observation:

None

b. after observation:

None

21. This description is written from:

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

y memory y study of images

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

Yes

23. Date: 3/15/18 Time: 8:20 PM

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_____



