

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):

Five - 1 adult and 4 juveniles

3. Parish: *Terrebonne*

Specific Locality: *North Hollywood Road, Houma (29.611641, -90.721247)*

4. Date(s) when observed:

June 6, 2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

6:23 PM to 6:40 PM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <i>Samuel Manning</i>
City: <i>Omaha</i>
State: <i>Nebraska</i>

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

None.

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

A list of other observers can be seen on eBird for the previous sightings of these birds.

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

The birds were in direct sunlight with the sun gradually setting to the southwest. Light conditions can generally be seen in my photographs of the birds.

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

Nikon Prostaff 7 8 X 42 binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

~150 to 200 feet

12. Duration of observation:

Approximately 20 minutes

13. Habitat:

Wetlands with emergent vegetation and water lilies, edged by trees with North Hollywood Road on the south side of the area.

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

During my observations of the Limpkins along North Hollywood Road, three of the juveniles resting the entire time while the adult and the fourth juvenile foraged among the water lilies. They moved around the area near the three resting juveniles, seeming to pick at the lilies. The adult caught at least one large snail during my observation of them.

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*):

All were large, brown wading birds with long legs, long, curved bills, and white spotting to upperparts. The juveniles were roughly 1/2 the size of the adult. They were noticeably (to my eye) larger than a Plegadis ibis with the brown plumage and white spotting, differentiating it from Glossy and White-faced Ibises. Further details can be seen in the pictures uploaded to my eBird checklist, which is linked below.

16. Voice:

The birds did not call during my observation of them.

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

No other species in North America are similar to this species.

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

Yes, photographs were obtained. I uploaded them in my eBird checklist of the sighting (<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S57799936>), and they can be seen there. I can also send originals if necessary.

19. Previous experience with this species:

No previous experience with this species.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<i>They can be seen in the eBird checklist mentioned earlier in this report.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes, I am positive of my identification of the birds.

23. Date: *January 21, 2020*

Time: *4:30 PM CDT*

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