

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 guarana*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 apparent adult.
3. Parish: East Baton Rouge
Specific Locality: Walden Rd off Kennilworth Dr, Baton Rouge.

4. Date(s) when observed: 23 March 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: approx. 9-10am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Dan Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Two other birders were present, but I never asked their names.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): First identified by Jane Patterson (receiving the first report from a resident of the neighborhood), seen by many observers between 21-30 March. Subsequent searches did not turn up the bird.

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40 bins

11. Distance to bird(s): about 20 m.

12. Duration of observation: about 30 min

13. Habitat: semi-manicured cypress-studded pond in neighborhood.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Calm, mostly foraging in shallow water of pond or on dry ground around the base of a baldcypress, when preening. Captured and ate a small mussel while I observed it.

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*): Large wader, body size approximately of Great Egret, but with a shorter neck (and not "folding" as in a heron). Largely brown with white streaking from head to back, undersparts, and wing coverts. Long, slightly drooping dull orange bill with darker culmen and tip. Dark legs.

16. Voice: None heard (even after playing back to it to elicit a response).

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. See eBird list. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S66130084>

Some photos attached below.

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive in Florida, Mexico, South America, and in Louisiana near Houma in 2018.

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 13 July 2020
Time: 5pm

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



