

# 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](mailto: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):  
Four Limpkin seen together, don't know ages or sex, presumed adults
3. Parish: Terrebonne Parish  
Specific Locality: Limpkin Spot on N. Hollywood Rd, Houma, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: Sept. 14, 2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:45pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, 5051 Bridgeport Way, Houma, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): None
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Clouds in sky but sun was shining, good light.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
Nikon Coolpix B600
11. Distance to bird(s):  
Sat in car, maybe 50 feet
12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes

13. Habitat: roadside water 25% covered with Water Hyacinths surrounded by brush and small trees. Large area behind mostly covered with Water Hyacinths.

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

When I arrived, 2 birds standing on shore, one had beak in water. 3<sup>rd</sup> bird sitting nearby almost out of site. 4<sup>th</sup> bird walked in. All moved around the same area, maybe a 10-12 foot radius. One flew up then down, near where the one was sitting. I suspected mating behavior but not sure. There were a couple of short flights, not sure if same bird but I thought it was only the one bird that flew.

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 4 birds appeared to be mature to me.

16. Voice: None

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

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

Photos taken by myself and sent in with this report.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen a number of times at this same location over the last couple of years.

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

None

a. at time of observation: None, previous experience with Limpkin in this spot

b. after observation: None, previous experience with Limpkin

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: 9/14/2020

Time: 2:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_





