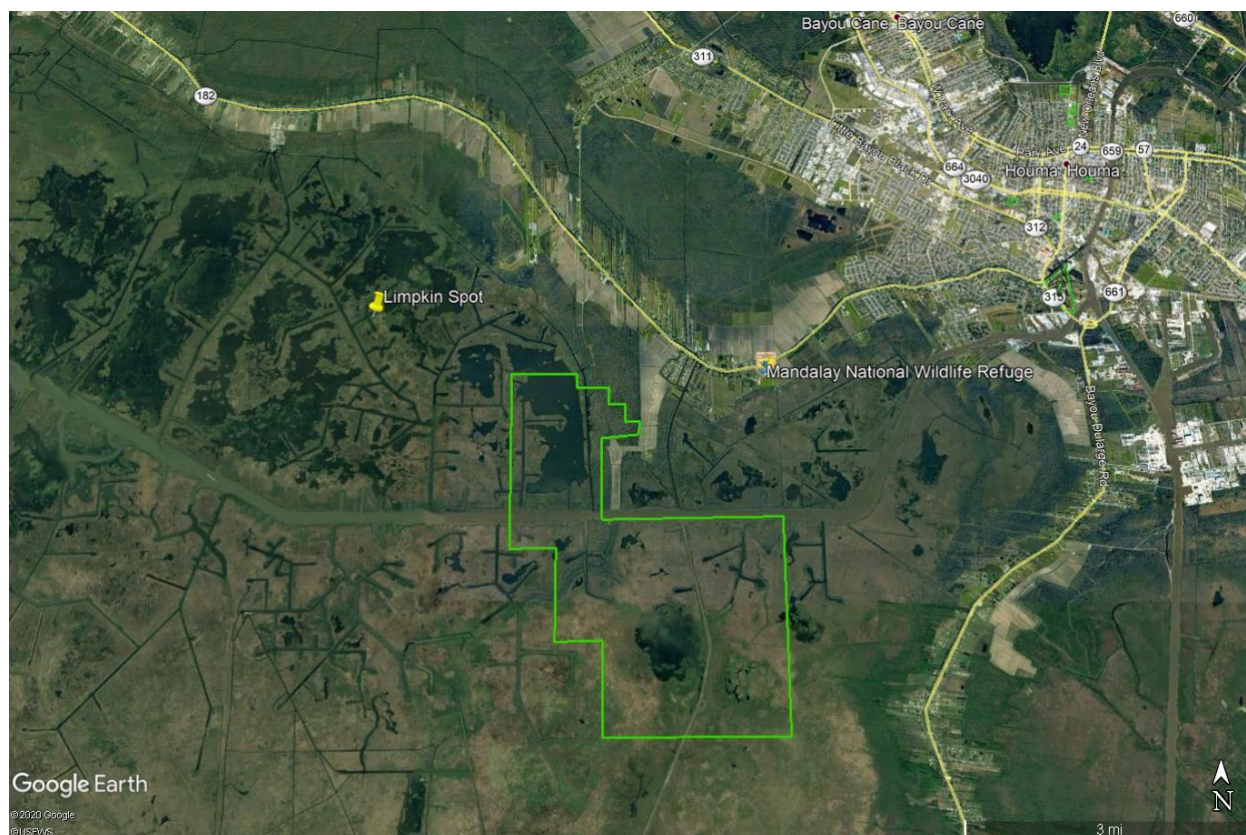


LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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 gurauna*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): twelve
3. Parish: Terrebonne
Specific Locality: oilfield canals northwest of Mandalay NWR



4. Date(s) when observed: October 22, 23, 26, 29, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: mid-day

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jody Shugart
City: Covington, Louisiana
State: Louisiana

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

Carly Sibalia

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):
good

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

Nikon D7000 with Tamron 600mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s):

50'

12. Duration of observation:

frequent

13. Habitat:

Marsh and canal sides

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

Birds would frequently call from interior of the marsh. Many days they would be seen on edge of canals in feeding postures. Many apple snail shells were seen on the canal sides where Limpkin were seen. Some wood perch low (20') in Black Willow trees as the boats passed.

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 brown wading bird with decurved bills. See photos.

16. Voice: loud "kawww!" often repeated every few seconds while calling

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

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in Florida Everglades and in Houma Limpkin

spot on Hollywood. This location was novel for Limpkins in Louisiana.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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, see photos. When I first found them, the boat was sitting still for over an hour while I was able to observe them.

23. Date: 2/1/2021 Time: 7pm

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



