

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 female type in alternate plumage
3. Parish:
Jefferson Davis
4. Specific Locality:
12001–12199 Pecan Orchard Rd, Welsh US-LA 30.26140, -92.80973
5. Date(s) when observed: 10/24/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:49 AM
7. Reporting observer: Andrew From
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Casey Wright, Eamon Corbett, field trip leaders from Yellow Rails and Rice Festival
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Steven Cardiff
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 10 x 42, fair, Canon Rebel EOS with 100-400 mm lens, I don't recall the magnification of the scopes set up to view the bird
12. Distance to bird(s): 40 meters
13. Duration of observation: 15 minutes
14. Habitat: recently flooded rice field with approximately 2" of water
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was observed foraging with a mixed flock of peeps and flying around the field
16. 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):
Chunky shorebird obviously larger than nearby WESA with orange legs, black droopy bill, scalloped back feathers

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S153166956>

17. Voice: none

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs were eliminated by orange legs, feather color pattern on back and breast

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Yes, myself

20. Previous experience with this species: Once in 2022 along Little Chenier Road

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
Casey Wright, Eamon Corbett, field trip leaders from Yellow Rails and Rice Festival

22. Identification aids used when?
None used

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

24. Date report completed:
10/29/2023

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?
Yes







