

# 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: SCARLET IBIS *Eudocimus ruber*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): TWO

3. Parish: ???

Specific Locality: Very near the entrance to the Headquarters portion of Lacassine NWR, southern Louisiana.

4. Date(s) when observed: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

About one-half hour after sunrise (exact time not noted), but the first of several hundred photos taken that morning before 10:30 AM.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: David O. Hill
City: 5385 Gwynne Road, Memphis
State: TN 38120

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): Thin overcast and overall lighting poor due to early hour.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10 x 42 (not used in this case). Camera: Nikon D500 with Sigma 600 mm lens.

11. Distance to bird(s): est. 40-50 yards.

12. Duration of observation: Less than one minute. With numerous strings of White Ibis flying about, I noticed two very dark ibis heading my way, and thinking that they might be Glossy Ibis, which I believed to be uncommon in the area, I decided to take a photo. A single image that captured one bird and shows a bit of the second bird. I never had a chance to use my binoculars. It wasn't until evening when downloading my photos to my laptop when I was shocked to discover that they were red in color, and undoubtedly Scarlet Ibis. I didn't know who to contact about it until a friend sent me your link.

13. Habitat: Coastal marsh.

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

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*):

16. Voice:

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): One attached.  
Taken by reporter: David O. Hill.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in Little Tobego, and in Surinam.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
None.

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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: They sure look like Scarlet Ibis to me, but not as bright as I might expect due to the very poor light conditions.

23. Date: November 1, 2019

Time: About a half-hour after sunrise if I recall.

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 (I don't do Facebook)\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_

YES



