

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2023-6 Species: Limpkin – Putnam Co

Vote (select only one) _X_ For State List _Hypothetical List _Against _Exotic

Reasons voting FOR the record: (*attach more pages if necessary*)

- CM1) This bird was well-documented, seen and photographed by many birders. The description and photographs rule out any other possible species. In addition, this bird was part of an unprecedented irruption involving numerous individual birds into the central and northern parts of the eastern states.
- CM2) Clear photographic evidence is presented that the bird is a Limpkin. Limpkins are very unique among wading birds with their long, slightly de-curved bills and brown feathers streaked in white. The photographs provided clearly show the field marks that define this bird as a Limpkin.
- CM3) Description and pictures are diagnostic for this species.
- CM4) Beautiful photos of a Limpkin. They appear to be spreading out within our region the last couple of years.
- CM5) Clear photos, accurate description, seen by many.
- CM6) Thorough description as well as photographs of this highly distinctive species.
- CM7) 1. Excellent image documentation
2. Detailed written description
3. Further support provided by many posted observations of this bird