

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species: King Rail Number: (leave blank)
 Location: Greenbottom WMA Date: May 11 2008 Time: 7 pm
 Bird Seen: 7 pm To: 730 pm Age/Sex:

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

(see included pics FROM TODD Deal)
FROM 6/14/2008 + 6/15/2008

Large Rail with long orange-based bill. Brown and red-brown mottled underparts. Underparts are orange-brown with barring in black and white.

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

See above.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

yes heard it's distinct call.

Description of behavior:

running across road that leads to the boardwalk.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

freshwater marshy area

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

10-15 feet with 10 x 42 binoculars Svarovski

Previous experience with this species:

seen and heard in other states.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

plumage and call distinctly different from Virginia and Clapper Rail.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

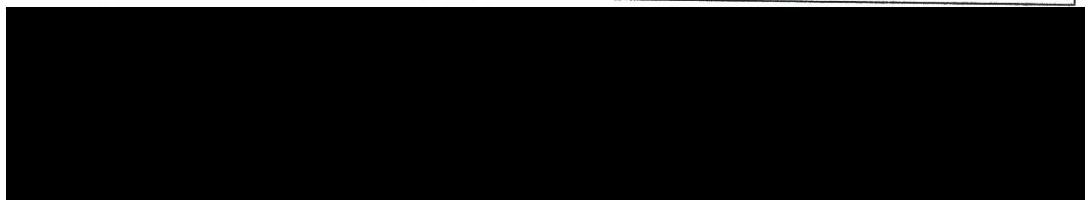
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Additional observer signature:

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Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

Sibley's and National Geographic

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

7.5 years, as it was added to the review list recently.

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