

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2023-7 Species: Limpkin – Lewis 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 birds into the central and northern parts of the eastern states.
- CM2) Excellent photographic evidence is provided from an experienced birder that shows the field marks of this bird to be a Limpkin. The long de-curved bill and white and brown feathers are clearly evident in the photograph attached to the report. I was also able to see this bird at Stonewall with other birders and can confirm its identity.
- CM3) Description and pictures are diagnostic.
- CM4) Thanks to Nathan for documenting another Limpkin sighting in WV. This bird was seen for some time by many birders. Hopefully Limpkins will continue to be found in coming years.
- CM5) Seen by many observers over several days, myself included. There are many photos of this individual foraging for mystery snails along the shoreline of Stonewall Jackson Lake.
- CM6) Photograph of this highly distinctive species; corroborated by additional occurrences elsewhere in WV.
- CM7) 1. Excellent image documentation
2. Detailed written description
3. Further support provided by many posted observations of this bird 4. Observation noted support from reliable birder