

VOTING FORM

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2024-5

Species: Limpkin – Kanawha Co.

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

CM1 – Excellent photograph of this distinctive species

Multiple other observers

CM2 – Fairly unmistakable bird that occurred along with a larger incursion of this species well north of their usual range. Photos and documentation are excellent. Plumage allows safe separation from the ibises which are really the only potential confounders.

CM3 – This bird was seen during an eruption of Limpkins in West Virginia. The photographic evidence and description provided documents the bird as a Limpkin based on bill shape and color, body shape and feathering, and behavior. This bird was also seen at the same time as other Limpkins indicating that it was a separate observation.

CM4 – Images and description are accurate for this species.

CM5 – Seen by many observers at this location. 2023 saw multiple observations of Limpkins in the state. Description accurate.

CM6 – Nice report also including the previous history of sightings on this bird. Limpkin appears to be expanding its range northward over the last 5 years.

CM7 – Attached photos confirm the species

- Report and photos submitted from a reputable birder
- Written descriptions in report were thorough and supportive