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A 1971 Limpkin Record from the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, SC

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Until 2001, the Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) was classified as a casual visitor to South Carolina, with only three records, all based on specimens (Post and Gauthreaux, *Status and Distribution of South Carolina Birds*, 1989). During 2001 and 2002, however, six additional reports were made (reviewed by Cely et al. *Chat* 67:56–58, 2003). This note provides written details and photographic documentation for an unpublished record from the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, Jasper County, SC.

At 08:00 h on 18 April 1971, Metz found a Limpkin feeding within impoundment number 12 at the Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive on the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge. The bird was feeding within 20 m of the interior bank of the dike. Metz met Jean and John Thomas along the wildlife drive and showed them the Limpkin. John Thomas photographed the bird (Fig. 1). Metz was unable to locate the Limpkin subsequently. Coincidentally, this bird was within 0.5 km of a Limpkin that Giff Beaton photographed 30 years later (Cely et al., op. cit.).

With this record, South Carolina now has at least ten acceptable reports of this species, three of which are documented by specimens and six by photographs.



Figure 1. Limpkin at Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge, 18 April 1971 (Photo by John Thomas)

Corrigendum

In “Spring 2003 North American Migration Count in South Carolina”, *Chat* 67:136 (Fall 2003), the number “15” in the Table 3 row for Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Charleston County should actually have appeared in the row below as the number of Acadian Flycatchers. No Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were reported.