











BLACK-NECKED STILT (*Himantopus himantopus*)

Lebanon County, PA / May 15, 2009

Timing and luck was on my side for this bird, my second in Pennsylvania and like my first, seen while on my way to a PSO Meeting. I received a phone call reporting the stilt while I was nearby in the Harrisburg area.

The stilt was feeding along a small farm pond in the middle of a field on Mount Pleasant Road, a well known local spot for shorebirds. Other birders were present and observing the bird when I arrived. I had excellent views through my scope as it worked the edge of the pond and I saw it in flight as it moved to the rear of the pond.

Description:

It was obviously a stilt based on the thin build, long reddish/pink legs and black and white plumage. The black crown and white patch above the eye eliminates any other stilt species.

- Delicate slim build with very long thin reddish/pink legs.
- Forehead white; crown, sides of face, nape and rear of neck black. An oval shaped white patch was just above the eye. Chin, throat, fore neck, breast, sides and all underparts white.
- Mantle black with a tinge of brown indicating the individual was a female. Wings and bill black; bill long and thin.
- In flight the wings were entirely black. At rest the wings project well beyond the tip of the tail.

Photos will be submitted separately.

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Date: Sun, 17 May 2009 10:35:44 -0400
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From: Larry Usselman <elgrans@GMAIL.COM>
Subject: Re: Black-necked Stilt, Lebanon County
In-Reply-To: <124241002678122944@pm11.malinet.ptd.net>
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The Black-necked Stilt continued at the pond this morning, Sunday May 17, from 8:30 a.m., and was still there when I left at 9:30. It spent most of the time at the back of the pond (East end, away from the road) but flew into the front end for a few minutes, allowing me to grab a few quick photos. It apparently wasn't bothered by the heavy rains and winds last night and was happily pecking his(her?) way along the shoreline. The distant views were good with a spotting scope, but marginal with 8x binoculars.

If they're usable, I'll post some pictures later once I download them and clean them up.

On Fri, May 15, 2009 at 1:53 PM, Frank Haas <fbhaas@ptd.net> wrote:
 > Chad Kauffman just called to report a Black-necked Stilt in Lebanon County.
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 > From the west, from Route 322 and 117, go east on 322 for 2.65 miles and
 > turn left (north) on Mt Pleasant Rd. Go 1/2 mile on the right (just past
 > some large poultry buildings).
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 > From the east, from Route 322 and 934, go west on 322 for 1.9 miles and turn
 > right (north) on Mt Pleasant Rd. Go 1/2 mile on the right (just past some
 > large poultry buildings).
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 > Frank
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 > Frank & Barb Haas fbhaas@ptd.net Churchtown, PA
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 > "Wisdom begins with putting the right name to a thing."
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 Larry Usselman
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 My Photos: <http://www.pbase.com/snargle>

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From: Larry Usselman <elgrans@GMAIL.COM>
Subject: Black-necked Stilt Photos - Kreiders Farm Pond, Lebanon Co.
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Here's two decent photos of the Stilt from this morning:
<http://www.pbase.com/snargle/image/112625916>
<http://www.pbase.com/snargle/image/112625919>

Still working out the IDs from a couple of other shorebirds that were at the pond. Will post pictures of them later to the same gallery.

Thanks to Ramsay Koury and Chad Kauffman for this great find and posting the information!

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Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Black-necked Stilt Himantopus mexicanus

Date of Sighting: 15 May 2009 to 18 May 2009

County : LEBANON

Location : ANNVILLE

Observer(s): Ramsay Koury, Chad Kauffman et al

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: Tom Johnson, Larry Usselman

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	/							
T. Johnson	/							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller	/							
G. Malosh	/							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/30/09