





PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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268-022009

SPECIES (common and scientific name) Black-necked Stilt (Himantopus mexicanus)
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 2 SEX(ES) Unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): Adults in breeding plumage

DATE OF OBSERVATION 10 June, 2009 TIME 0555-0630

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Conjehola Flats, Washington Borough

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Blue Rock Road Access

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Chuck Chalfant, Fern Bauman, Barbara Hunsberger, Maxine Montgomery, Don Franks, Bob Eshbach, Thyra Sperry, and Dick Martin.

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Island with mud flats.

DISTANCE TO BIRD Approximately 450 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (e.g. weather, position of sun relative to you) Mostly cloudy, bright. Once the sun came up, it was behind us.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Bushnell 10x50 binoculars, plus Swarovski 20-60x spotting scope. There were two other spotting scopes there. One was a Kowa. I don't

(know what the other one was.)

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): Stark black and white long legged bird. They were smaller than the Bald Eagles, but larger than the Killdeer. Long thin legs, long thin neck, long bill. Black on top, white underneath. Bill was black, legs were pinkish.

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) They were feeding in the shallow water behind the bird blind. Occasionally, they would fly away, but then they would come back. They tended to stay close to each other.

VOCALIZATIONS None.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

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Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) The coloration and size separates them from anything else. Clark's Grebe and Western Grebe do not have the long legs.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: _____

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I have seen this species many times at Bombay Hook.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes. The whole jizz speaks Black-necked stilt.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation Sibley's Guide to Birds of Eastern North America

After observation Annotated List of Birds of Pennsylvania

The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds Eastern Region

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 10 June, 2009

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Pamela P. Fisher

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Black-necked Stilt Himantopus mexicanus

Date of Sighting: 10 June 2009 to 10 June 2009

County : LANCASTER

Location : CONEJOHELA FLATS

Observer(s): Chuck Chalfant, m.obs

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: Pam Fisher

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

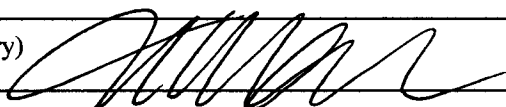
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date: 9/30/09