

PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2015-03-28 11:30:25
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Chuck Kling
<b>E-mail</b>	tckling@verizon.net
<b>Phone</b>	717-854-9229
<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 1669 Sleepyhollow Rd. City: York State / Province: Pa Postal / Zip Code: 17403 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Mick Musser, Mike Yerger, Dick Cleary, Robin Smith, Ann Muren
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Black-necked Stilt
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Himantopus mexicanus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult - I believe male
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	03-26-2015 10:50 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S22528378">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S22528378</a>
<b>County</b>	York
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	York Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Lake Redman - boardwalk area
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N 39.8817 W 76.6888
<b>Habitat</b>	Shallow water
<b>Distance to bird</b>	300 ft.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	raining
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Nikon Monarch 10 X 42 binoculars
<b>Description</b>	This is a pretty distinctive bird. Not sure what it could be confused with. See pictures. Noted black wings from above and below when seen flying, long red legs, black and white pattern.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	When first seen (about 10:45 AM) it was flying, being chased by a gull. Lots of swooping swerving and changing direction. Was able to make a positive ID when it landed. It then began wading around apparently foraging in the shallow water. Canada Geese, Ring-billed Gulls and, I believe, some Bonaparte's gulls were also present. At this point Mick Musser got some photos I'm attaching. After 10 to 15 minutes some gulls began harrasing

the stilt again and chased it away. Later it returned and was seen by Dick Cleary, Robin Smith and Ann Muren - Ann also got pictures. I returned at 5:30 PM and it was still there foraging among some Canada Geese. I returned again the following morning (3/27) but could not find the bird again.

**Separation from similar species  
(How you eliminated others)**

Not sure what it could be confused with. See pictures.

**Are you positive of your  
identification ? (Why or why not)**

Yes. Once again this is a pretty distinctive bird. I have seen them before at Bombay Hook and in Florida.

**During**

Sibley Guide to Birds

**Supporting evidence (check all  
that apply)**

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or  
drawings**



[IMG\\_3943.JPG](#)

**Click to edit**

PORC-webform00245