

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-11-06 21:34:59
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	United States
<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 Female
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-03-2016 4:50 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32356874">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32356874</a>
<b>County</b>	Montgomery
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Green Lane
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Green Lane Park--Knight/Deep Creek Lakes
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.333342, -75.483681
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	45ft
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Overcast
<b>Description</b>	Continuing on North side of Knight Lake, access from route 29 pull off. Terrible lighting, but I managed a couple of decent photos. Unmistakable, large white shorebird with black back, wings, hindneck, and cap and long pink legs.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Feeding in the lake.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	No similar species found in US.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

This is an easy one.

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

Yes

**During**

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**After**

Sibley for Male/Female Differences

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

Photograph

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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-11-26 19:39:39
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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Black-necked Stilt
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Himantopus mexicanus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-02-2016 4:00 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32343679">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32343679</a>
<b>County</b>	Montgomery
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Green Lane
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Knight Lake
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.335766, -75.479785
<b>Habitat</b>	Shallow open water
<b>Distance to bird</b>	75 m
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Sunny
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski ATX 30-70x95 scope, Zeiss Victory 10x42 binoculars
<b>Description</b>	Large shorebird, similar in size and structure to American Avocet. Very long, thin pink legs; long, thin, straight black bill. Bold black and white plumage: black on crown, with black line curving through eye; black back of neck, upper back, and wings; white elsewhere.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Foraging by probing in the shallow water; standing and preening.

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

Large size and bold black and white plumage distinctive among shorebirds. American Avocet is the most similar; that species eliminated by pink legs, straight bill, and black on neck and head.

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

Yes - diagnostic photos of distinctive species

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

Photograph

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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-12-01 13:03:45
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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Black-necked Stilt
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Himantopus mexicanus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-02-2016 10:10 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/S32338458">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32338458</a>
<b>County</b>	Montgomery
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Green Lane
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Green Lane Park - Deep Creek/Knight Lake area
<b>Habitat</b>	Shallow water body with much vegetation along edges.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	Varied - closest probably 50-60 feet.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear sunny day.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski 10x50 binoculars
<b>Description</b>	Contrasting black and white shorebird with very long red/pink legs. Back and wings were black (with maybe hints of brown), with black stripe running up the back of the neck. Black cap and U-shape dipping down through eye. Face, sides/front of neck, breast, and belly were white. Thin, sharply pointed black bill.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	The bird was constantly in motion, feeding by tilting it's whole body so that it's face/throat/neck was parallel to the water. It did not fly or vocalize.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	It is hard to mistake this species for any other, except possibly at first glance an American avocet. Long pink/red legs, bill shape, overall plumage patterns ruled out avocet.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

This sighting is being submitted on December 1, 2016. The bird continued for almost a month at Green Lane - about two weeks at Deep Creek/Knight Lake, then moved to the Walt Road day use area. To my knowledge, it has not been seen since November 27. A Black-necked stilt was found in Delaware County around this time, and is likely this same bird moving south.

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

Yes - this species is essentially unmistakable, and was well-documented with photos.

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

Photograph

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[Black-necked Stilt 2.jpg](#)

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