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AMERICAN AVOCET AT PYMATUNING STATE PARK

LINESVILLE, PA. (CRAWFORD COUNTY)

On November 15th Isaac Field and I arrived at the Linesville (Pym.) fish hatchery about 2 PM on a snowless but windy, and cold Sunday afternoon. At the parking lot were four lady birders, part of the Westmoreland County Bird Club they had teloscopes and were watching ducks. Isaac set his telescope on a distant sandbar and yelled out Avocet!

Everyone set thier scopes on the snadbar and there was no doubt there was an avocet (my first ever) We watched the bird for 20 minutes, then it flew back in the lagon hidden from view by high brush. The bird was in winter plumage and could be seen well including the bent bill, white body and black wings. It was feeding in shallow water with a sweeping motion among several Green-winged Teal and Mallards for good size compairison.

We left, but the 4 ladies rounded up the other members of the group who were eating in Linesville and they returned to the fish hatchery and found two Avocets in the same area.

The next Sat. I returned to find 1 bird there Nov. 21.

On the 22 I had 2 birds, ~~and~~ One bird was at the mud flats on the Ohio end of the Pymatuning Causeway and, I was able to get withing 30 feet of that bird., ~~Nov-26~~ 11-26 (last date  
*sorry - no pictures - I do not have a camera*  
that It was seen as far as I can tell.)

*Ron Lelerman*

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Observers of the two Avocets and dates

November 15, 1998

*2 birds*

Isaac Field (First Observer)  
Ronald F. Leberman  
Sherley Mutz  
Bette Denhet (Dengel)  
Kathy Saunders  
Becky L. Smith  
Robert Coon  
Joyce Hoffman  
(and about 20 other members of WMCBC)

November 21, 1998

*1 bird*

Ronald F. Leberman  
Russ States  
Shirely McCarl

November 22, 1998

*2 birds*

Ronald F. Leberman  
Joyce Hoffman  
Mickel Falkovich

November 26, 1998

*one bird*

Ronald F. Leberman

This was as far as I can tell only the second time for Avocets  
to be recorded in Crawford County. One was shot at Conneaut  
Lake in 1906. (<sup>William</sup>Grimm, ~~Sutton~~) "Bird of the Pym. Region 1952"

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*)

Date of Sighting: 15 November 1998 to 15 November 1998

Location: PYMATUNING STATE PARK

County: CRAWFORD

Observer(s): Ron Leberman, Isaac Field

Date of Submission: 1998

Submitted by: Ron Leberman

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):

Date

10/8/00