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WILLET

DATE OF SIGHTING : MAY 14, 1995
SIGHT LOCATION : Mt Parnell Fish Hatchery
Fort Loudon, Pa
COUNTY : Franklin
OBSERVER : Carl Garner
NUMBER OF BIRDS : Six (6)

I, Carl Garner, observed 6 Willets on May 14, 1995 at the Mt Parnell Fish Hatchery located in Fort Loudon, Pa.

I'm sure of my identification because of the following. The birds were larger than greater yellowlegs, which there were 2 of the yellowlegs in the same pond for comparison. The 6 birds were a brownish gray in color; had bluish-gray legs and a straight bill. The yellowlegs bills were slightly upturned and longer than the willets. The bill was also wider or heavier than the yellowlegs. I got within 15 to 20 yards of the birds before they flew. Whenever they flew, I could see the black & white wing pattern; they also called

when they flew, "will-will-willet", "will-will-willet". They circled the pond a couple times; were calling while circling the pond; they landed at the other end of the pond, about 50 yards from me. I observed these birds for a good half hour. I had 10 power binoculars (Leitz) which gave me excellent details of their markings.

If you have any questions or whatever, please get in touch with me.

Sincerely,
Carl Garner

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Willet (Catoptrophorus semipalmatus)

Date of Sighting: 14 May 1995 to 14 May 1995

Location: MT PARNELL FISH HATCHERY

County: FRANKLIN

Observer(s): Carl Garner

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Carl Garner

Written Description: YES Photo: NO Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

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