

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

September 24, 1997

Gary Edwards
450 Stevens Drive Apt. 304
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Dear Gary,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Willets you saw at Kahle Lake on 4 May 1996 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. There was concern within the committee that the descriptions submitted did not contain enough detail to allow for a fair assessment.

This of course, does not mean the birds were not Willets, merely, that the record is not beyond reasonable doubt for acceptance

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record #278-02-1996

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RARE SPECIES REPORT

SPECIES: <i>Willet</i>		NUMBER SEEN: 5
SIGHTING DATE: 5/4/96		SIGHTING TIME: 5:30 PM
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: <i>Venango PA</i> DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE: <i>~ 2 miles from Nickelville just north of Kahle lake</i>	
HABITAT: <i>FIELD</i>		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: <i>Cloudy</i> DISTANCE: <i>50 yards</i> EQUIP. USED: <i>Binos 10x SPOTTING scope</i> LENGTH OF SIGHTING: <i>1/2 hr</i>	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: <i>NOT VOCAL</i> SIZE: <i>SMALLER THAN R-B GULLS</i> PLUMAGE: <i>dark gray</i> ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): <i>Long bill, darkish legs</i> BEHAVIOR: <i>feeding in field</i>	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: <i>observed in Fla & TEXAS - SAW ONE BIRD 6 days EARLIER near Clintsville</i>		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: <i>Larger than yellowlegs</i>		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <i>Yes</i> IF SO, BY WHO? <i>ME</i>		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): <i>W/Russ States</i>		
SIGHTING & REPORT BY: <i>John Edwards</i>		
ADDRESS: <i>450 Steven Dr Apt 304</i>		PHONE # <i>412 931-4379</i>
<i>Pgh PA 15237</i>		
SIGNATURE <i>J Edwards</i>	DATE: <i>5/7/96</i>	

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)

Date of Sighting: 4 May 1996 to 4 May 1996

Location: KAHLE LAKE

County: VENANGO

Observer(s): Gary Edwards

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Gary Edwards

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			XXX			X		
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe						X		
S. Feldstein				X				
TOTALS				3		3	1	
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

R. C. Haas

Date:

2-22-97