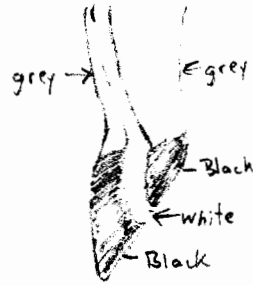


RARE SPECIES REPORT

278-02-1997

SPECIES: <u>Willet</u> <i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i> Eastern Willet		NUMBER SEEN: <u>1</u>
SIGHTING DATE: <u>30 June 1997</u>		SIGHTING TIME: <u>4:18 - 4:45 pm</u>
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: <u>Lancaster Co.</u> DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: <u>Conejohela Flats, Susquehanna River, near Washington Boro</u> DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: <u>Mud flats on islands in the Susquehanna River</u>		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: <u>Partly Cloudy</u> DISTANCE: <u>150 yards</u> EQUIP. USED: <u>15x45 Bushnell Spacemaster</u> LENGTH OF SIGHTING: <u>1/2 hour</u>	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: <u>"will will willet"</u> loud high pitched call SIZE: <u>apx 12" long - compared to killdeer that it was feeding next to if killdeer is apx 10" long.</u> PLUMAGE: <u>Dark grey head, neck, back, wing, breast, upper belly, and flanks. White on the lower belly and vent. In flight: Broad white band on the wings over the secondaries to the outer primaries. The primaries were black and the rest of the wing dark grey. This band split the wing almost down the middle. White rump and grey tail. Under wing not seen.</u> ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): <u>Bill length apx. 2" - straight + heavy appeared dark - Legs - medium length and thick (compared to killdeer) Eye color too far to tell.</u> BEHAVIOR: <u>Picking at the mud surface and probing bill apx. 1/2 length into mud. Slowly looked for food. Would flush when a jet ski would come by and fly 50 yards. Flew twice for me.</u>	
		
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>I have seen 100's of "Eastern" Willets. I have never seen "Western" Willet.</u>		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>Maybe a Godwit species. But the "Broad white wing band seems to put this in a class by itself.</u>		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <u>no</u> IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): <u>Jerry Book found this bird at 2pm. He may have found this bird on the 16th of June in the same area. I had a distance view of this bird from shore so I couldn't get alot of detail, mostly color. The small size, overall dark color and dark flanks made me decide it was an "Eastern" willet in Breeding Plumage.</u>		
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SIGNATURE <u>Randy C. Miller</u>		DATE: <u>2 July 1997</u>

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)

Date of Sighting: 30 June 1997 to 30 June 1997

Location: WASHINGTON BORO - CONEJOHELA FLATS

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Randy Miller

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Randy Miller

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					
P. Schwalbe			X					
K. Parkes			X					
R. Ickes			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
T. Floyd			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F C Haas

Date:

4-19-99