

Butler

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On 8-10-98, I arrived at Lake Oneida Reservoir, Butler Co., around 2:30 p. About 50 yds. in front of me 2 Willets were standing and feeding on the mudflat. I looked at them first through 10x42 Binoculars (Swarovski) and saw the bluish legs and bill. I then studied them through a Celestron telescope with about a 40x eyepiece. They continued to walk around and feed. It was lightly raining as I stood there and then it began to rain hard. When the downpour came, the birds started flying to the opposite shore. I could then easily see the distinct black and white wing pattern. About 20 minutes later I was looking through the scope at some other birds and I heard the "pill will willet" call. I looked up and the 2 Willets were flying back toward me and landed in the original spot. The call wasn't extremely loud but it was close enough and loud enough to be recognizable. I left around 4:00 p and the birds were still there. It was raining almost the entire time I was there.

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round One**

Species: Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)

Date of Sighting: 10 August 1998 to 10 August 1998

Location: LAKE ONEIDA

County: BUTLER

Observer(s): Debbie Yavanovich

Date of Submission: 1998

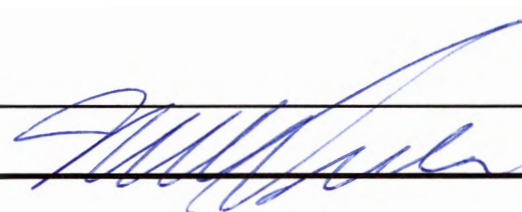
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TOTALS			5					1
DECISION			X					

Comments: 5/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 10/8/00