

Dear Barb,

286-01-1974

Here are my notes for spring, 1974.

Details on Whimbrel - May 25

Observed a whimbrel on "ash flats" of the settling pond of the Montour Steam Electric Power Plant at 6:30-7:00 P.M. Fairly good light, through 20X-45X Bushnell spotting scope at 100 yds? (How far is it across the lake, Barb?) A slim brown bird, <sup>fairly</sup> long neck, long decurved bill. No stripes or marking seen on bird. Bird raised wings twice. No cinnamon or orange color underneath. I tried to make out the head striping, but could not at this distance. I have found this to be true on some of my distant sightings of this bird. The bill was also difficult to make out at this distance, but I caught glimpses of its shape & size at times when turned the right way or when contrasted with background. ~~The bird seems~~ I could compare its size very readily with birds nearby on the flats. It was larger than the black-bellied plover, but slightly smaller than the ring-billed gulls. It remained stationary the entire 15 or 20 minutes I watched the birds. (over) ↗

preened itself at times, stretching its long neck to accommodate the bill when preening around the neck.

Last year saw 3 <sup>at</sup> the Preserve Lake on May 18, 1973. Also in the evening & gone the <sup>next</sup> day. That time I could see the head stripes.  
White-rumped sandpipers

Saw 3 of these in company with 4 semipalmated sandpipers and 1 dunlin on May 26 at the Morton Preserve lake. The flock was flushed repeatedly as I walked around the edge of lake, sometimes flushed as close as 10-20 feet from my feet. Several times I caught the white rump <sup>patches</sup> of these birds, larger than the semipalmated sandpipers, as they flew past. Usually I could glimpse only one or two white rump <sup>patches</sup>, but one time I could see three while flying. I saw one at close range, about 10 ft. on shore, stretch one wing, revealing the white rump. Semipalmated plovers were also in the vicinity, but did not make up part of the small flock of white-rumps, dunlin, and semipalmated sandpipers.

Ston Stahl

P.S. I'm sure you saw your Baird's better than I saw my whimbrel.

Note: To clear up when written, I used to take the notes ex Stahl, Schweaenbug, and Haas & collate them for sending to Ann. Birds in one report (difficult because the area we lived in was the missing triangle for reporting!) So these notes were sent to me @ the end of May 1974. Barb

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: **Whimbrel**

Date of Sighting: **25 May 1974**

Observer(s): **Stan Stahl**

Date of Submission: **1991 Montow**

Submitted by: **Frank Haas**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
Schwabe <del>P. Jones</del>							
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner							
Leberman <del>J. Skinner</del>			X				
TOTALS							
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Rejected, Not enough votes on second round.

Signature (Secretary):

*FM Haas*

Date:

*2-27-93*

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Voting Tabulation - Round #1 of 2

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B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
R. Leberman			X				
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe				X			
TOTALS			4	3			
DECISION							

Comments: *Send for Second Round*

Signature (Secretary):

Date: