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Jan 21, 1989

These notes from Morris [un] concerning the curlew at  
Legend Mt were written in the evening of Jan 17 at my request  
following a phone call from Morris in which he gave me  
verbally the same description he had written here. The two  
other observers include only one other individual who may  
have seen any curlews previously. I feel that in this  
record as judged by the FORC it should be as curlew only  
rather than as Whimbrel since no details were provided to  
separate Whimbrel from any other curlews. Given I questioned  
Morris on the night of the sighting he could not give any  
other details which might be helpful in that regard.

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On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1989 White Court-  
ing Hawks on Second Mountain. Myself and  
Six other people observed a large bird flying  
westward down the side of the mountain  
over the trees. My initial impression, from  
the shape of the wings and the wing beats,  
was that of a large Jaeger. As the bird  
came nearer, I noticed it had a more  
streamlined body, pointed tail, and long  
curved bill. As the bird passed over head,  
myself and three other observed the bird to  
have long legs which extended out past the  
tail. Our conclusion was that the bird was  
a Whimbrel.

I have observed many of these birds  
flying in and out of marshes on the  
Coast and I'm sure I made no mistake in  
calling the bird.

I know Whimbrels migrate from their  
breeding grounds in the north to the Southern  
Coast. But needless to say, I never thought  
I would see one flying west along Second  
mountain back watch.

Morris C. J.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Whimbrel**

Date of Sighting: **Oct 5, 1989**

Observer(s): **Morris Cox**

Date of Submission: **1990 Lebanon**

Submitted by: **Morris Cox thru Steve Santner**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas							X
F. Haas						X	
R. Leberman				X			
G. McWilliams						X	
S. Santner							X
P. Schwalbe				X			
TOTALS				3		2	2
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*B. Haas*

Date:

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