

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, Pennsylvania 17555-9726

8 June 1994

Matt Wlasniewski
21 Scenic Drive
Hamburg, PA 19526

Dear Matt,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Whimbrel you saw at ABE Airport on 26 July 1992, to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we cannot accept this record as the details given do not conclusively rule out other Curlew species. This does not mean that the bird was not a Whimbrel, but merely that the details did not allow for a concrete determination.

We would like to encourage you to submit very detailed documentation of any rare birds you find in the future. Thank you for the submission once again.

Sincerely,



Ed Kwater
Chairman

Record # 286-01-1992

Lehigh County

286-01-1992
VERIFICATION FORM

Matt- Please return to me
Bernie Morris

Details must be submitted for all species of uncertain breeding status. They are noted on the field cards, "Safe Date" list and Summary Data sheet with an asterisk (*). In addition, many locally rare species will require verification at the discretion of your Regional Coordinator. If you discover one of these birds, notify your Regional Coordinator immediately!

Then, fill out and send this form to your Regional Coordinator. Asterisked birds will not be accepted without a "Verification Report Form." Include sketches and/or photos if possible. Your cooperation is essential to the integrity of the Atlas Project.

SPECIES: Whimbrel DATE: 7-26-92 TIME: 7:00 AM

OBSERVER: Matt Wlasniewski ADDRESS: 21 Scenic Drive

PHONE #: (215) - 562-7550 (h) Hamburg PA 19526

~~QUAD NAME: (215) 954-4795 (W) QUAD #: 0 BLOCK #:~~

EXACT LOCATION: ABE Airport, Rte 987 North, Bethlehem PA

HABITAT - Describe fully for the general area and specific location.

ABE Airport - facing runways off observation deck. Looking NNW across runways. Bird seen in grass on far side of third runway over.

~~BREEDING BEHAVIOR - Give all details of behavior that indicates this species is actually breeding.~~

Previous Experience with bird: Species observed annually since 1981 in MASS & NJ / Cape May + Stone Harbor. SIX seen this spring in Cape May area.

SIGHTING CONDITIONS - Distance, length of time, light, weather, optical aids, etc.
Bird observed at 30x power = B&L Discoverer. Clear Day - good sunlight. Observed for 10 min's. Bird approx 400-500 yds. away.

IDENTIFICATION - Describe plumage, song, call notes, size comparison, physical features, differences from similar species, previous experience with it.

Whimbrel - Bird seen from belly up. Decurved clearly seen; dark str. pec color of crown contrasted with rest of brown back. Approx 1/3 larger than Upland S/P observed near bird.

SIGNATURE: Matt Wlasniewski DATE OF REPORT: Aug 08, 1992
(observer)

~~SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: Aug 8, 1992~~
(Regional Coordinator)

Use other side for further details and list of other observers with addresses and phone numbers. Regional Coordinator - forward this report to: Edward Fingerhood, Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas Project, c/o Academy of Natural Science, 19th and Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19108

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: **Whimbrel (Numenius phaeopus)**

Date of Sighting: **26 July 1992 to 26 July 1992**

Location: **ABE AIRPORT**

County: **LEHIGH**

Observer(s): **Matt Wlasniewski**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Matt Wlasniewski**

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				X				
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe							X	
J. Skinner				X				
TOTALS				6			1	
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

5-6-94

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P. Schwalbe							X	
J. Skinner			X					
TOTALS			4	2			1	
DECISION								

Comments:

Send for second Round

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

2-23-94