

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
210 Welcome Ave. Norwood, PA 19074

3 February 2002

Kevin Crilley
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Dear Kevin,

Thank you for submitting the photograph of the Marbled Godwit at Green Lane Reservoir on 4 November 1998. After careful review, the Committee regrets that it is unable to accept this record.

Members' opinions differed, and the report went two rounds of balloting before a decision (which partly explains the delay in reporting the result). The final vote was 5-2 in favor of acceptance. The Committee's bylaws require a minimum of six favorable votes.

Both of those who voted against accepting it felt that a written description was essential to separate the individual from other godwit species. Especially troubling was the appearance of extensive white in the area of the upper tail coverts (and base of tail?), which would rule out Marbled and Bar-tailed but not Hudsonian or Black-tailed.

The Committee emphasizes that non-acceptance does not mean the godwit was not a Marbled, but rather that two members believed the photographic evidence alone was not sufficient for a conclusive identification.

We hope this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any future rarities.

Sincerely,



For the Committee:
Paul Hess, Chairman

Record No. 293-02-1998



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*)

Date of Sighting: 4 November 1998 to 4 November 1998

Location: GREEN LANE RESERVOIR

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): Kevin Crilley

Date of Submission: 1998

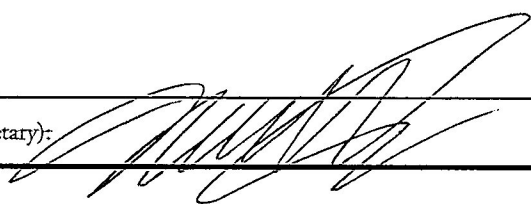
Submitted by: Kevin Crilley

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION NO PHOTO YES SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman				X				
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess	X							
R. Ickes	X							
J. McWilliams	X							
B. Reid					X			
P. Rodewald					X			
TOTALS	3			1	2			1
DECISION								

Comments: 3/3/1 2ND Round

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 10/8/98

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round Two

Species: Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*)

Date of Sighting: 4 November 1998 to 4 November 1998

Location: GREEN LANE RESERVOIR

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): Kevin Crilley

Date of Submission: 1998

Submitted by: Kevin Crilley

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman	X							
G. Armistead	X							
P. Hess	X							
R. Ickes					X			
J. McWilliams	X							
B. Reid					X			
P. Rodewald	X							
TOTALS	5				2			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 5/210 rejected

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 10/21/01