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Hudsonian Godwit

Limosa haemastica

Location: Presque Isle State Park

Date: September 21, 2000

Time: 9:45 to 10:15 AM

Weather: Cloudy, wind westerly with sustained winds of 25 mph

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Viewing conditions: good

Optics: Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular and TSN 4 Kowa scope at 35X

Details of sighting and description: At beach 11 feeding with two Greater Yellowlegs was an adult Hudsonian Godwit in basic plumage. The godwit was slightly larger than the yellowlegs. The basal third of the slightly upturned bill was pink and the remainder of the bill was black. The overall color of the bird was buffy gray, being palest on the breast becoming white on the belly and undertail coverts. There were no markings on the breast, belly, or undertail coverts. It had a white supercilium being most prominent above and in front of the eye. The mantle, upperwing coverts, and scapulars were boldly edged with buff. The tertials were edged and marbled with buffy-orange similar to the tertials on a juvenile Short-billed Dowitcher. The legs were long and entirely dark gray. The bird flew a short distance a few times and showed black flight feathers with a prominent narrow white wing stripe. The rump was white and the entire tail was black. The underwing coverts (wing linings) were distinctly black ruling out Black-tailed Godwit. The black flight feathers and tail as well as the white wing stripe and rump, strongly contrasted against the over all buffy body plumage of the godwit when it was in flight. See photograph.

The same or perhaps a different bird was seen across from beach 11 on September 30 and October 1.

I have seen several Hudsonian Godwits in Pennsylvania and a few along the Atlantic Coast.



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*)

Date of Sighting: 21 September 2000 to 21 September 2000

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Jerry McWilliams

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

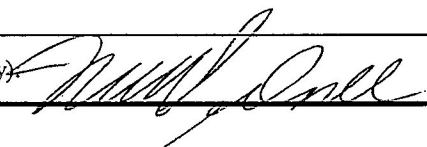
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 11/19/01