

293-01-2001

Hudsonian Godwit

Limosa haemastica

Location: Presque Isle State Park

Date: August 26, 2001

Time: 4:30 to 5:45 PM

Weather: Cloudy, wind westerly

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Viewing conditions: good

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

Details of sighting and description: Looking across Thompson flats from beach 11 I saw an adult Hudsonian Godwit in pre-basic plumage. The godwit was noticeably larger than some nearby Greater Yellowlegs. The basal third of the slightly upturned bill was pink and the remainder of the bill was black. The upperside of the bird was gray with dark blotching. The upper breast and flanks were gray-brown. The lower breast, belly, and undertail coverts were white with patches of chestnut and barring scattered throughout. It had a white supercilium being most prominent above and in front of the eye. 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 gray body plumage of the godwit when it was in flight. See photograph.

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: 26 August 2001 to 26 August 2001

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Jerry McWilliams

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Written Description: Yes

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	
G. Armistead	X							
D. Heath D. Couchman	X							
P. Hess	X							
J. Stanley	X							
B. Reid	X							
B. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 6/30/02