

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Hudsonian Godwit Limosa haemastica  
Subspecies (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) Unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): juvenile

DATE OF OBSERVATION 9/3/02 TIME 5:00 pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Redbridge, Allegheny Reservoir

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) just north of FH 262 + 321<sup>SR</sup> junction on Kinzua Lake Allegheny National Forest

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name John G. Fedak  
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City Brookford State PA ZIP 16701  
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

N/A

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) muddy shore with exposed christmas trees + fish nesting structures

DISTANCE TO BIRD 100 to 125 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) cloudy and drizzle, just after drenching rainfall and thunderstorms during the day.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Kowa scope (20x-60 zoom) + Leica 8x42 binos

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): VERY large compared to the peeps, <sup>slightly</sup> larger + heavier than greater Yellowlegs. Bird over all appeared gray to brownish gray. Bill was long and upcurved at end. At tip bill appeared black and toward base appeared orangish. Tarsus were dark. The top of the head seemed darker almost a crown. The tail had a dark band with white near the rump. The body of the bird looked very staly, especially on the back. The belly was white. on the head, there appeared to be a darker line from the bill through the eye, above that was light buff to white and then a darker cap. The bird stretched its wings and they were very dark below almost black looking.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The bird was walking in the mud along the edges of the fish structures + Xmas trees. It did not feed while I viewed it.

VOCALIZATIONS

NONE heard

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph \_\_\_\_\_ Video recording \_\_\_\_\_ Audio recording \_\_\_\_\_ Drawing \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition \_\_\_\_\_

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known \_\_\_\_\_

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

The only other godwit with a black tail is black-tailed - it has white underwings. But it has dark underwings, is slightly smaller, has a shorter black bill that is not upcurved.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

When the bird was 1st seen, I knew it was a godwit. When I saw the black tail, I knew it was age of 2, when the bird lifted its wings and stretched, I knew Hudsonian.

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

I have seen this species in PA + Delaware I have seen Marbled many times and black tailed + blue tailed once each.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes strong upcurved bicolor bill, black tail with white toward rump, AND dark underwings.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE

After observation Nat. Geographic, Sibley's, Guide to Shorebirds

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 9/3/02

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER [Signature]

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Tabulation Form - Round One**

Species: Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*)

Date of Sighting: 3 September 2002 to 3 September 2002

Location: ALLEGHENY RESERVOIR

County: WARREN

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 2002

Submitted by: John Fedak

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

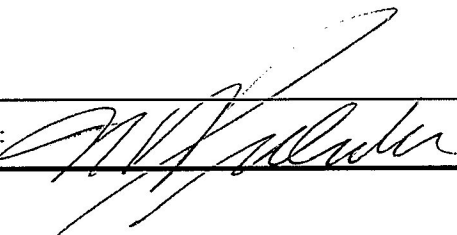
Specimen: No

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. Heathcote			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 6/7/03