

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) _____

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): (assumed) adult basic

DATE OF OBSERVATION FRIDAY 9/19/03 TIME ABOUT 9:00 AM seen again briefly in PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) CONESHELA FLATS

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) WASHINGTON BORO, LANC. CO. PA seen from Long Level / York Co side

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name J. ERIC WITMER
Address 230 MASON DRIVE
City EPHRATA State PA ZIP 17522
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

JOHNATHAN HELLER, JASON HOAN, RANDY MILLER

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) MUDFLATS OF SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

DISTANCE TO BIRD 1/2 mile + (Closer to Heller + Miller who were on LANC.CO. SHORELINE)

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) _____
OVERCAST IN AM / WINDY

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED QUESTAR 54x

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): LARGE SHOREBIRD, Dwarfed all shorebirds on the mudflats, Large long-billed with slight upturn. overall darker upperparts / lighter underneath. In flight definite white rump with dark tail band, dusky underwing

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) RESTING ON MUDBARS, SEEN IN FLIGHT TO OTHER AREAS OF FLATS

VOCALIZATIONS

N/A

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY: N/A

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 N/A

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

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

Dusky underwing separates Blacktailed Godwit
whiterump/w/ dark tail band eliminates Marbled Godwit + Bartailed Godwit
+ Long slightly upturned bill eliminates LB Curlew/Whimbrel

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

SEEN AFTER PASSING OF HURRICANE ISABELLE, THOUSANDS OF GULLS/TERNS/SHOREBIRDS present on the mudbars during the DAY

I admit this was a distant sighting but largest size shorebird with slightly upturned large bill, white rump w/ dark tail band and Dusky underwing ID HUDSONIAN GODWIT

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

I have seen numerous HUDSONIAN GODWIT + similar species on the Coney Island Flats, + Mid Atlantic Shorebird Sites

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE
After observation "

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 11/28/03

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER [Signature]

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*)

Date of Sighting: 19 September 2003 to 19 September 2003

Location: WASHINGTON BORO

County : LANCASTER

Observer(s): Eric Witmer, Jonathan Heller, Jason Horn, Randy Miller

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Eric Witmer

Written Description: Yes

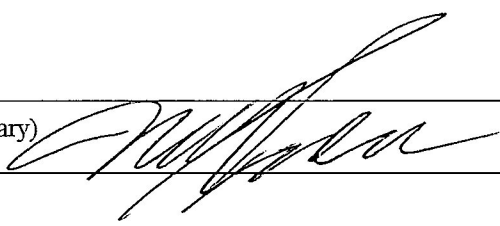
Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
D. Heathcote			X					
P. Guris			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) 

Date: 9/16/04