

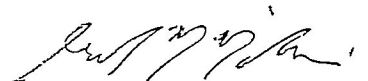
MARBLED GODWIT  
*Limosa fedoa*

295-01-1992

On August 26, 1992 at approximately 6:00 PM on Gull Point at Presque Isle State Park, I flushed 2 large shore-birds that had been standing behind some Cottonwood saplings. I didn't see them immediately until one of them called which I recognized as a Whimbrel. When the 2 birds appeared above the saplings, I identified the left bird as a Whimbrel; long decurved bill, striped head, brown over-all, legs long and gray. The bird on the right was a Marbled Godwit. It appeared to be slightly smaller than the Whimbrel, was medium brown over-all, and had rufous underwing coverts and primaries. The godwit's bill was approx. the same length as the Whimbrel's bill, but was slightly upturned and the basal half was pinkish and the outer half was dark brown. The legs were long and grayish with feet projecting past the tail. Both birds were in good view for only a brief time since they turned and flew directly away from me and out of sight in a westerly direction. I didn't have enough time to break down detailed plumage characteristics such as the mottled pattern of the mantle, wing coverts, etc.. Since Whimbrel and Marbled Godwit average about the same in size, I suspect the difference in size between these 2 birds may have been because one was a male and the other was a female.

I observed the godwit through a Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular at the closest proximity of 75 feet. I have seen at least 5 Marbled Godwits on Presque Isle State Park and have also seen them in New Jersey and Arizona.

Jerry McWilliams



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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Marbled Godwit

Date of Sighting: 26 August 1992 to 26 August 1992

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams

Date of Submission: 1992

Submitted by: Jerry McWilliams

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
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E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
R. Ickes			X				
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
J. Skinner			X				
TOTALS			7				
DECISION			X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Date:

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