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Marbled Godwit
Limosa fedoa

Location: Presque Isle State Park

Date: May 12, 1993

Time: 7:30 AM to approx. 7:40 AM

Weather: Clear, viewing conditions very good.

Observers; Jerry McWilliams, Ed Kwater

Optics: Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular and Kowa TSN Spotting Scope at 35 X

Viewing distance: several hundred yards

Details of sighting and description: While sitting at the north end of Gull Point conducting the International Shorebird Survey, I looked to the south end of Gull Point and noticed 3 large brownish, long legged, long necked, shorebirds land among a small flock of Gulls. The shorebirds walked to the left a couple of feet and stood next to a few Herring Gulls (*Larus argentatus*). The shorebirds stood much higher than the gulls, but because of the heat waves it could not be determined if they were godwits or Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*). After a couple of minutes they flew and when they turned the rufous wing linings and primaries could be seen, but it was still too far to see their bills. They turned and flew toward us and then banked to the right in a northerly direction flying directly over the inside area of Gull Point which put them in front of us at approx. 150 yards with the sun at our backs. At this point the bicolored upturned bills could clearly be seen as well as the rufous in the primaries and on the wing linings. After flying past us, they turned to the west and disappeared. I have seen Marbled Godwits at Presque Isle in the past as well as a number of them on the east coast and in the southwest.

Jerry McWilliams





Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Marbled Godwit (Limosa fedoa)**

Date of Sighting: **12 May 1993 to 12 May 1993**

Location: **PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK**

County: **ERIE**

Observer(s): **Jerry McWilliams**

Date of Submission: **1993**

Submitted by: **Jerry McWilliams**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **YES** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella	X		X					
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe			X					
J. Skinner			X					
TOTALS	2		5					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

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