

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) Marbled Godwit Limosa fedoa
 Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) unknown - possibly a ♀

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): Adult - breeding - possibly a female as the bill was very long

DATE OF OBSERVATION 5/28/05 TIME 8:40 AM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) ERIE, PISP

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Gull Point

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name John Fearn
 Address 26 Race St.
 City Bradford State Pa ZIP 16701
 e-mail (optional) john.fearn@atlanticbb.net phone (optional) 814 8621052

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

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) (Gull point, sand spit a brushy shoreline on lake Erie off of Pelee Isle)

DISTANCE TO BIRD 100 - 150 yards (distance from observation platform to sand spit)

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) cloudy + rain just starting to fall, Not even quite steady yet.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Kowa TSND scope + Leica 8x42 Binoculars

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 bird with slightly upturned bill. The bill was almost orange with the tip black not quite a third of the way from the front. Color was overall brown with streaking on the breast. The underwing was a light brown cinnamon color and was about the same color over all. The upper wing had a almost triangular patch of light cinnamon/orangish color. There was no white on the rump or tail and the legs looked dark.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The bird flew low along the lake and when it reached Gull point, kept flying until out of sight on the shoreline, I don't think it landed - I didn't see any indication of landing

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 of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

The coloration separated it from other gulls, the upturned bill separated it from Long-billed Curlew

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

I have seen both Long-billed ~~Gull~~ and Merganser as well as the other adults before curlew - Although I have not ever seen them in flight before

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES see discussion.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) yes, the details of the bird lead to no other id.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation None

After observation Sibley

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 5/28/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER 

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round ~~Two~~ *One*

Species: Marbled Godwit (Limosa fedoa)

Date of Sighting: 28 May 2005 to 28 May 2005

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County: ERIE

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: John Fedak

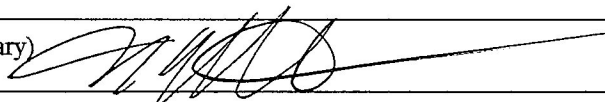
Written Description: Yes

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								
A. Guarente			X					
P. Guris			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
J. Heller			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			6					
DECISION			X					

Comments: *G/O*Signature (Secretary) Date: *7/24/06*