

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2015-03-28 11:30:25
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1669 Sleepyhollow Rd. City: York State / Province: Pa Postal / Zip Code: 17403 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Mick Musser, Mike Yerger, Dick Cleary, Robin Smith, Ann Muren
Species (Common Name)	Black-necked Stilt
Species (Scientific Name)	Himantopus mexicanus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult - I believe male
Observation Date and Time	03-26-2015 10:50 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S22528378
County	York
Location (City, Borough, Township)	York Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Redman - boardwalk area
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 39.8817 W 76.6888
Habitat	Shallow water
Distance to bird	300 ft.
Viewing conditions	raining
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 10 X 42 binoculars
Description	This is a pretty distinctive bird. Not sure what it could be confused with. See pictures. Noted black wings from above and below when seen flying, long red legs, black and white pattern.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	When first seen (about 10:45 AM) it was flying, being chased by a gull. Lots of swooping swerving and changing direction. Was able to make a positive ID when it landed. It then began wading around apparently foraging in the shallow water. Canada Geese, Ring-billed Gulls and, I believe, some Bonaparte's gulls were also present. At this point Mick Musser got some photos I'm attaching. After 10 to 15 minutes some gulls began harrasing

the stilt again and chased it away. Later it returned and was seen by Dick Cleary, Robin Smith and Ann Muren - Ann also got pictures. I returned at 5:30 PM and it was still there foraging among some Canada Geese. I returned again the following morning (3/27) but could not find the bird again.

**Separation from similar species
(How you eliminated others)**

Not sure what it could be confused with. See pictures.

**Are you positive of your
identification ? (Why or why not)**

Yes. Once again this is a pretty distinctive bird. I have seen them before at Bombay Hook and in Florida.

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**Supporting evidence (check all
that apply)**

Photograph

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drawings**



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