

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	7420 Ben Hur St Pittsburgh PA 15208 United States
Names of additional observers	Jason Horn, Joe Greco
Species (Common Name)	Black-necked Stilt
Species (Scientific Name)	Himantopus mexicanus
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	11-02-2016 4:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32343679
County	Montgomery
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Green Lane
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Knight Lake
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.335766, -75.479785
Habitat	Shallow open water
Distance to bird	75 m
Viewing conditions	Sunny
Optical equipment used	Swarovski ATX 30-70x95 scope, Zeiss Victory 10x42 binoculars
Description	Large shorebird, similar in size and structure to American Avocet. Very long, thin pink legs; long, thin, straight black bill. Bold black and white plumage: black on crown, with black line curving through eye; black back of neck, upper back, and wings; white elsewhere.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Foraging by probing in the shallow water; standing and preening.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Large size and bold black and white plumage distinctive among shorebirds. American Avocet is the most similar; that species eliminated by pink legs, straight bill, and black on neck and head.

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

Yes - diagnostic photos of distinctive species

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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