

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	255 N 6th St Columbia PA 17512 United States
Names of additional observers	Jeff Musser
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
Observation Date and Time	04-28-2017 7:40 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S36448555
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Martic Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Susquehanna River at the Norman Wood Bridge
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.8205x-76.3186
Habitat	Rocky section of river, at low water, muddy edges and mud flats exposed
Distance to bird	Appx 1/3 mile
Viewing conditions	Clear
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 8x50 and Zeiss x10
Description	Black back and wings with long trailing red legs. Noted white underparts, long neck.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird observed in flight over river, heading toward bridge. Flying low, appeared to be looking for a place to land. Not finding a suitable place before the bridge, it turned and headed downstream. Lost sight of it when it went between rocky outcroppings.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Red legs and black and white body eliminates other species of shorebirds.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Familiar with species, having seen many in flight, at rest, and foraging. Although it was unexpected, there was no mistaking it for another species.

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

Yes. Familiar with species.

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