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VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica* 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

3. Location: CF+J lakes, Fir & Feather Club Res No 3, 7 miles south of Pueblo, Colo
May 25 + 9:00 to 9:30 am

4. Date(s): May 25, 26, 1974 5. Time bird seen: May 26 7:15 to 7:30 am

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field.):

Larger than the long-billed dowitchers. it was feeding with appeared smaller and more slender as stream-lined than my marbled godwits I have seen. Reddish belly, white band across rump clearly seen, a little white spot could be seen on folded primaries of wings at certain angles as it fed. long slightly upturned bill, fine black barring could be seen on feathers on underparts near rump - spring plumage - typical to field guide description.

7. Description of voice, if heard:
none heard

8. Description of behavior: It was feeding near inlet stream in shallow water near edge of lake - it did not appear to be afraid - bobbing head up and down - walking slowly

9. Habitat - general: Fresh water lake.
specific: shallow area near shore line

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Marbled Godwit - larger - more even brown no white band on rump - Long-billed

11. Distance (how measured?): Dowitchers much smaller
probably 300 feet estimated on May 25 - probably 100 feet May 26 estimated

12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars + 32x power Bushnell scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
slightly cloudy, no wind, light was good, no heat waves

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
I am very familiar with Marbled Godwit for better than 10 years I have seen Hudsonian Godwit near Great Bend Kansas. 3-fall plumage July, 1972
What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
There are very few records for Colo and 200-300 in spring plumage May
and it is the 1st for the Pueblo area 4, 5, 1974

15. Other observers:
Mr & Mrs Wil Hoegberg, Colo Springs, Colo son Allen + daughter-in-law Barbara from Minneapolis area, Minnesota

17. Did others agree with your identification?
yes

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Probably Barbara but I called identification because I had seen species before

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
I was sure of identification as soon as I saw typical field marks - We discussed Birds of North America, Golden Pheas and Field Guide to Western Birds, Peterson

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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Signature

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