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## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: HUDSONIAN GODWIT | LEMOA HAEMASTECA  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MAY 24-25, 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: 1 Plumage: MOLTING BASED - ALTERNATELocality: SO. END LOWER LATHAM RESERVOIR Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_Nearest town: GREELY County: WELDTime(s) observed: EARLY AFTERNOON ON BOTH DAYSDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30+ MINUTES

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

SEVERAL AFTER REPORTED ON RBA

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

DIRECT SUNLIGHT FROM 1300 HOURS ON SHADY SIDE OF RESERVOIROptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 20X B&L SPACEMASTER SCOPE, 8X LUGGA  
BINOCULARS

Distance, and how measured: \_\_\_\_\_

If photographed, type of equipment and film: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else photographed the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

FEEDING ALONG WITH A MARBLED GODWIT, GULLS, YELLOWLEGS,  
+ OTHER SHOREBIRDS ON AND AROUND GRASS ALONG OUTLET  
CANAL FROM RESERVOIR

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

OUTRUSTLY SMALLER THAN MARBLED GODWIT WITH WHICH IT WAS SEEN  
BUT LARGER AND HEAVIER THAN YELLOWLEGS IN SAME AREA  
BILL LONG, RECURVED SLIGHTLY, ORANGE WITH BLACK TIP (APPROX 1/4 BTL BLACK  
HEAD AND UNDERPARTS LARGELY GRAY, BACK AND WINGS DARK GRAY-BLACK  
SOME ORANGE-RED FEATHERS IN UNDERPARTS, PARTICULARLY ON NECK SEEMS  
IMPRESSION OF ORANGE WASH TOWARD HEAD, FAINT BLACK BARRING ON BREAST

Description (continued):

FACE: CRAYSH BUFF WITH CRAYSH WITH SUPERFLUOUS AND  
DARK GRAY. BIRD WAS SEEN IN DARK GRAY-BLACK  
WHERE BIRD WAS SEEN. BIRD WAS SEEN IN DARK GRAY-  
IN FRONT OF WINGS WERE BLACK. IN FRONT BLACK WINGS  
WITH WHITE BAC DOWN UNDER SECONDARY & REMARKED WAS  
STARK. UNDERWING COVERTS WERE BLACK, LEGS LONG AND  
DARK GRAY.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

DID NOT CALL DURING MY OBSERVATION

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

WETLAND, MUDFLATS AND VET GRASSY AREA

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

MARBLED GODWIT BY SIZE, WING & TAIL PATTERN &  
BODY, NOT BUFF PLUMAGE

BLACK TAILED GODWIT BY BIRD WING COVERTS

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

HAVE SEEN MARBLED GODWIT IN OTHER OCCASIONS  
IN BATTLE PLUMAGE.

OBSERVE MARBLED GODWIT YEARLY, HAVE NOT SEEN OTHER SPECIES.  
List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: NAT. GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY  
BIRD OF NO. AMERICA

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation ☒ from memory  
Date and time report was written: DEC. 5 1994

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