

CFO-ORC FILE # 1998-45

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

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

Species: Hudsonian Godwit
(Vernacular Name)

Limosa haemastica
(Scientific Name)

Date(s): 14 MAY 1998

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: on transition to complete alternate

Locality: 5 mi W-S-W of Lake Sheraw on 266 Elevation: ≈ 3500

Nearest town: Cheraw County: Otero

Time(s) observed: 3 P.M.

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15-20 min.

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

BRANDON PERCIVAL

DAVE SILVERMAN

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

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

Partly Cloudy, SUN AT MY BACK while observing

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Zeiss 10x40, Questar AT 54x

Distance, and how measured: 70 yds, estimated

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 with Ibises

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 observed in the field: A relatively large shorebird with long slightly upturned bill, orange basal 1/3, dark distal 2/3's. well defined white supercilium extending behind eye. Face and upperneck a lighter shade than the medium to light gray-brown plumage of remainder of bird. Some faint white mottling on belly. Underparts slightly paler than upperparts. But still gray-brown. Legs not noticeably long for a godwit. - Dark gray in color. Bird extended nearest wing on one occasion and

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Description (continued):
WHITE RUMP CLEARLY VISIBLE. DID NOT SEE BARRING ON TAIL.
NO BARRING ON FLANKS OR BELLY. ABSENCE OF WHITE
BELLY WAS APPARENT. BIRD DID NOT FLY DURING OBSERVATION
NEVER SAW UNDERWING. BIRD WAS APPROX. SAME SIZE AS
SOME MARBLED.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): NO VOCALIZATION

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:
Flooded (irrigated) recently planted field
ON N. side OF 266.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?
ABSENCE OF CINNAMON coloration eliminates MARBLED GODWIT in all plumages.
THE LONG SUPERCILIUM, ABSENCE OF LONG LEGS, SLIGHTLY UPTURNED BILL
ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT WHITE ON BELLY eliminates MOST ALL
BLACKTAILS.
ABSENCE OF WHITE ON BELLY eliminates BAR-TAILED.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?
I HAVE SEEN ALL SP. OF GODWITS THAT INCLUDES ALTICRATE & BASIC
PLUM. EXCEPT BLACK-TAILED IN BASIC AND BAR-TAILED IN BASIC.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

- a) at time of observation: NATC Geographic
b) after observation: Shore birds, AN I.D. Guide

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: 6.6.98

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