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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.) **Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!**

CBRC FILE #:	
RESULTS:	
Species: (Common Name) Hudsonian Godwit	(Scientific Name) Limosa haemastica
Date(s) of occurrence: April 30 04	
Number of birds seen: two	Sex: ????
Plumage: Adult breeding	
Exact location: Lake Henry SWA On the west side of the lake between the dam and wooded island	
County: Crowley	Nearest town: Sugar City
Elevation: ???????	
Length of observation: 30 minute's	Time(s) of observation: 10:00 am
to 10:30 am	
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Glenn Walbek Gregg Goodrich	
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Joey Kellner	
Light conditions (quality, direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: cloudy day, no sun	
Optical equipment used: Pentax 10+42dcf Binocular Eagle optics Raven spotting scope 78	
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 35 feet to 100 feet	
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes	If so, are you submitting photos?
Who took the photograph(s)? Glenn walbek	
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: in and around the reed's and small bushes in the water, 6 inches to 1 foot of water	
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits It was feeding like a sewing machine in the water, meaning when the bird's put there head's in the water, they would make up and down motions 6 to 8 time's then bring there head's up, much like the Long-billed dowitcher's they were with.	
DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. About 16 inches in hieght alittle bit bigger than the L.b.dowitchers, Dark rufous belly, Gray neck, Very dark back. when the bird flew you could see the dark to black underwing's, with a white strip. the tail had a white band .and black tip. what really help was the bi-colored bill orange on the base to black on the tip	
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Kwidwid	
SIMILAR SPECIES - This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration:	
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? This was a first for me, But it didn't look at all like the Marble Godwit it was not grayish or buffy in color. if it kept it's head down with the L.B. Dowitchers, It would of been hard to pick it out, But when it lift it's head the bi-colored bill give's it away.	
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley guide to bird's	
This report was made from (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> notes made during observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after observation <input type="checkbox"/> later from memory.	
Date and time of written report: MAY 5 2004	
Reporting observer: Loch Kilpatrick	Signature: <i>Loch Kilpatrick</i>
Reporting observer's address: 647 W. 91st ave apt 104	State: Colorado Zip: 80260
City: Denver	
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CBRC FILE #: 2004-20		
RESULTS:		
Species: Hudsonian Godwit		Scientific Name: <i>Limosa haemastica</i>
Date(s) of occurrence: May 1, 2004		
Number of birds seen: 1	Sex: ?	Plumage: alternate
Exact location: Lake Henry, in shallow water with emergent vegetation adjacent to tamarisk, about ¾ of the way to the grove from the gate at the west end of the dam		
County: Crowley	Nearest town: Sugar City	Elevation: about 5200
Length of observation: two views totalling 30 seconds		Time(s) of observation: about 1:30 PM
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Mark Peterson, Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Paul Differding (sp?)		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Sky was clear. Sun was high, tending south and west. Bird was to my northeast, so light was good.		
Optical equipment used: Pentax 8x42 binoculars		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): ca. 50 yards		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? no		If so, are you submitting photos?
Who took the photograph(s)?		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: shallow water with emergent vegetation adjacent to tamarisk		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: I only saw the bird in flight. It flushed twice with large numbers of other shorebirds of various species (i.e., yellowlegs, Willets, Marbled Godwits, dowitchers, peeps) out of places along the shore I wasn't able to scan.		
DESCRIPTION – Again, I only saw the bird in flight, for a total of about 30 seconds, but there were nice comparative views with many other shorebird species in the same flock. I noted that the bird had a dark reddish belly. It was surprisingly small in comparison to the Marbled Godwits in the flock; it was about the same size as the Willets. But it was shaped differently from the Willets, being more compact, with a slightly longer, slightly upturned bill. Its wing pattern was also different: the white wingstripe was thinner, and the whole rest of the wing was very dark, not just the outer half like on a Willet. The Hudsonian's tail looked white with a solid black oval-shaped bar/band at the tip.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: I was not able to identify which, if any, of the flock's many calls were coming from this bird.		
SIMILAR SPECIES – See above for comparison with Willet.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? When I lived in South Dakota I encountered Hudsonian Godwits in spring a few times, but it has been several years since I saw one. I am very familiar with all the other species which were present in the flock, and see them many times each spring in Colorado.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): I consulted Sibley just now to check the veracity of my field notes. The field notes noted the "contrast" between the dark reddish underparts and the head and underwings; at the time I had the impression that the underwings were whitish. I reevaluated that memory on the basis of Sibley's illustrations.		
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Date and time of written report: May 5, 2004		
Reporting observer: Nathan Pieplow		Signature:
Reporting observer's address: 4745-B White Rock Circle		
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