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116 No. West St.
Missouri Valley, Ia 51555
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Verifying Documentation

1. Species: Marbled Godwit
2. Number: two
3. Location: 3 miles North of Missouri Valley, Iowa,
Harrison County
4. Date: April 10, 1978
5. Time bird seen: 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon
6. Description: large shore bird - long, upturned
bill - (orange shaded to black.) Very light buff-to
brown mottled with ~~black~~ black. Cinnamon wing
linings.
7. Description of voice: Not heard
8. Description of behavior: Relatively inactive
except for raising wings.
9. Habitat: Wet meadow
10. Similarly appearing species which are
eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8 -
Hudsonian Godwit
Extremely large shore bird - this bird was
lacking white rump - and black tail, Chestnut
under parts - The cinnamon wing linings
were easily seen.
11. Distance: About 10 yards - Approximated
12. Optical equipment: Binocular - ~~7~~ x 50,
binocular - 7x 35. Scope - Bushnell, Spacemaster
II, Zoom (20x - 45x)

13. Light - Overcast, mist.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Previous sighting of marbled Godwit - April - 1973, Pottawattamie County. Hudsonian Godwit

April 19, 1975 - numbering more than 100 - in same wet meadow as this documentation deals with.

15. Other observers: Naomi Suenningesen

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Missouri Valley, Ia. 51555.

16. Did others agree with your identification: Yes. N. Suenningesen has wide experience with this bird on the West Coast.

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Naomi Suenningesen

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this description?

Birds of No. America - Robins - A Field Guide to the Bird - Peterson. Books did not influence this description, but did verify it. N. Suenningesen's experience in observing this bird was valuable advice.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? This documentation was taken from notes written immediately after sighting.