

1. Species Marbled Godwit 2. Number 13. Location Willow Slough, N.E. Mills County, Iowa4. Date: 19 May 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: ±6:00 ±5 minutes, but maybe to 1 minute well6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

not in field notes
 → (large, bill upturned. Godwit. Bill 1/2 pink, outer 1/2 black.)
 Pale, uniformly colored godwit standing alone. As I
 came near it flew. Rump color uniform with back. Wings
 unpatterned.

→ Mellow + querulous at the same time. 2+ more
 syllables, ta, tu. Once when it gave the call
 with 2 notes, a pheasant crowed an answer.
 The rhythm was the same, though the
 pheasant's voice was harsher.

7. Description of voice, if heard:
 8. Description of behavior: → Fed, but nervous + more often called + bobbed
 its front up + down. Flew when I was
 still distant.

9. Habitat - general:
 specific: Standing in shallow water in drying slough.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
 Hudsonian Godwit is similar, but has contrasting rump + ~~wing~~ wing strip.

11. Distance (how measured)?
 80 ft ~~less?~~ less?

12. Optical equipment:
 7x binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
 Sunny. Clear. Bird straight east of me, ~~the~~ flies to south.

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

This species was commonly seen where I bided in Oregon, +
 I saw a lot of them. I've seen lots of Hudsonian Godwits here.

15. Other observers:
 None. (Some day,)

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description
 None.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? an hour

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