

Black-necked Stilt  
31 Aug 1924  
north of Lamont, Buchanan Co., IA  
Mrs. R. I. Bordner  
to 8 Sep; Pierce 1930

Record Number: 81-CB  
Classification: NA

REFERENCES

Pierce, F.J. 1930. Birds of Buchanan County Iowa. Wilson Bull.  
42:253-285.

DuMont 1933

VOTE (1981): 4-IV, 2-V

IV, Mrs. Bordner a good observer. Could go to III.

V, second hand report of several individuals. No description.

IV, Mrs. Bordner and her daughter Mrs. Braley are very good  
observers. (I have birded with Mrs Braley). IV rather than III  
due to lack of details about the birds themselves.

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\*BLACK-NECKED STILT. *Himantopus mexicanus*. "Last spring (1924) north of Lamont there were ponds in fields that had held no water for years, and we haunted that vicinity. . . . The ponds lasted all summer owing to the many rains we had, and in August we found a pair of Black-necked Stilts. You may be sure we were again daily visitors and on August 31 we visited the pond three different times during the day to observe the stilts. They were unafraid, allowing us to approach very near. Nearly every day (September 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1921) we returned to this pond on the outskirts of Lamont where there were also flocks of Yellow-legs, four Blue-winged Teals, and one Green-winged Teal in addition to the stilts. September 12 the water was gone and also the birds. This was very interesting to me, for I had never before seen a stilt, and to observe them so closely was indeed a pleasure."—Mrs. R. I. Bordner in a letter to me dated February 17, 1925.

*Himantopus mexicanus* (Müller). Black-necked Stilt

A casual visitor. Anderson (1907) included five dates of occurrence for the vicinity of Omaha, and listed the following county records: "Mills-Pottawattamie—'scarce migrant' (Trostler). Sioux—'shot one female at Hawarden in 1890' (Berry). Webster—'several were killed here in summer of 1898'—Fort Dodge (Somes). Wayne—(Brown). Woodbury—'rare transient—Sioux City' (Rich)." Cooke (Bio. Sur., Bull., 35, p. 21) recorded one seen by Rich at Sioux City, April 20, 1902. Reported at Carter Lake, Pottawattamie County, May 9, 1928 (Letter of Information of the Nebr. Orni. Union). Pierce (1930) recorded that a pair was seen frequenting some flood ponds north of Lamont, Buchanan County. The birds were discovered during August, 1924 by Mrs. R. I. Bordner, who saw them almost daily until September 8, 1924. There are no Iowa specimens.

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