

Long-billed Curlew
31 Mar 1893
near Hornick, Woodbury Co., IA
Harold L. Bond
Dinsmore 1992

Record Number: 93-HW
Classification: A-S

SPECIMEN

Iowa State University, #2520

REFERENCE

Dinsmore, J. J. 1992. Recent additions to the Iowa State University bird collection. IBL 62:1-8.

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A-S, According to newly suggested guidelines (not yet approved) the assignment to this category can be based on identification by the curator of a collection, as well as by a member of the committee. In this case both apply, if being a member of a special subcommittee counts./thk

Dinsmore of Ames at the television towers near Alleman, Polk County on 21 September 1985 (#1897, *IBL* 55:124). An immature male was found dead in Cherokee by Dick Bierman of Cherokee on 20 October 1987 (#2424, *IBL* 58:18). An unsexed bird found dead by Carl Kurtz near St. Anthony, Marshall County on 4 April 1991 (#2544, *IBL* 61:114) is the earliest spring report of the species in Iowa. Purple Gallinule: A female with a broken leg (#1648) found by Lorna Volmer of Ames on 22 May 1978 died the next day (Dinsmore and Graham 1979). It is the only specimen of this species from Iowa (Fig. 4).

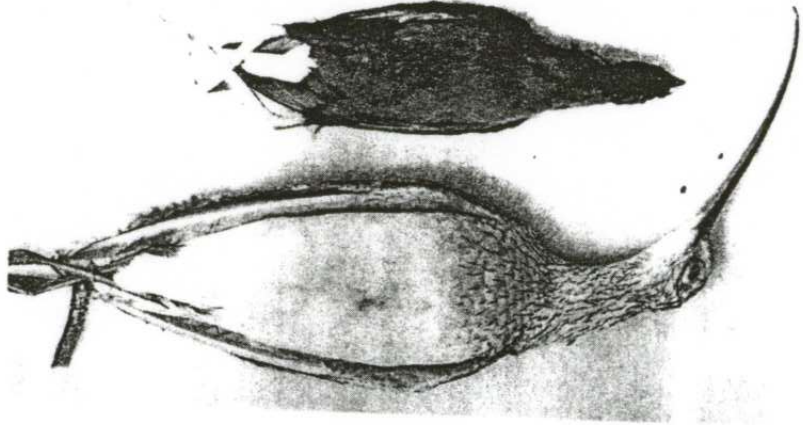


Figure 4. Long-billed Curlew (#2496) from Hornick, Iowa and Purple Gallinule (#1648) from Ames, Iowa.

Sandhill Crane: Bob Kurt of the D.N.R. found an injured male at Otter Creek Marsh, Tama County on 13 November 1979; it died on 24 November 1979 (#1651, *IBL* 49:112). Piping Plover: Babs and Loren Padelford of Bellevue, Nebraska found a male dead at the Iowa Power and Light Ponds near Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County on 11 June 1983 (#1771, Fig. 5). There are few Iowa specimens of this endangered species.



Figure 5. Piping Plover (#1771) found dead near Council Bluffs, Iowa. Iowa Bird Life, Winter 1992

Long-billed Curlew: One was shot near West Swan Lake, Emmet County on 12 November 1967. The bird was mounted and held privately until 1988 when Carl Priebe of Sidney became aware of it and had it donated to Iowa State University (#2496). Carol Henderson of the Minnesota D.N.R. gave Iowa State a study skin of a male (#2520) collected by Harold L. Bond of Tiffin, Iowa. Data on the tag indicate it was taken near Hornick, Woodbury County but the date on the tag is not completely legible and reads Ma_31, 1893; most likely it was taken in May (Fig. 4). Western Sandpiper: Among the specimens received from Phillip DuMont was a juvenile female taken by DuMont near Mitchellville, Polk County on 23 August 1933 (#2016, Fig. 6). DuMont has described this bird elsewhere (DuMont 1933a, b). Paul Bartsch collected three at Burlington on 15 October 1895 (DuMont 1933b).

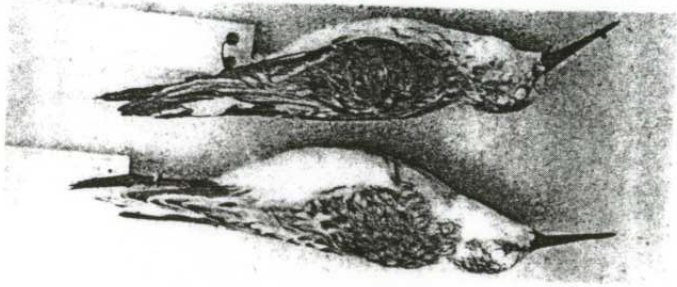


Figure 6. Western Sandpipers (top, #2016) found near Mitchellville, Iowa and for comparison (bottom, #569) from Lost Island Lake, Iowa on 28 July 1934.

Least Tern: The left wing of an adult bird was found by Siev Dinsmore of Ames at the Iowa Power and Light Ponds, Pottawattamie County on 30 May 1988 (#2478)(Bendorf and Kent 1991). It appeared to be the remains of a bird killed by a predator. I also received a study skin (#2519) from the collection of Harold L. Bond of Tiffin, Iowa. This bird was taken on a sandbar in the Missouri River in July 1894 (Fig. 7). Stiles (1938) took two adults on the Missouri River near Sioux City in 1937 but those specimens cannot be located. Thus, these two are the only specimens of this species from Iowa.



Figure 7. Least Tern (#2519) taken on the Missouri River. Vol. 62, No. 1

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