

Black-necked Stilt

several

Record Number: 81-BX

SU 1898

Classification: NA

Fort Dodge, Webster Co., IA

Somes

Anderson 1907, Bent 1927

REFERENCES

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VOTE (1981): I-II, 1-IV, 5-V

II, spec. not pres.

V, no data.

IV, no evidence, but rather distinctive species.

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91. (226). *Himantopus mexicanus* (Müll.). Black-necked Stilt.

This is a species of tropical America, only rarely venturing up the Mississippi Valley as far north as Iowa. It is listed by Allen (White's Geol. of Iowa, ii, 1870, 426). "Has only been observed in Nebraska in the vicinity of Omaha, from where L. Skow and I. S. Trostler record it, the latter giving the following dates: May 18, 1893; May 6, 1894; April 10, 1895, and October 3 and 9, 1894" (Rev. Bds. Neb., 37).

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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.

DuMont 1938
p 75

Bent, A. C.: Life Histories of North American Shore Birds (Part 1).
Bull 142 US Nat Museum, Washington, 1927. p 54

Casual records.—The black-necked stilt has been reported from many of the eastern States but some of these are indefinite or otherwise unsatisfactory. Among those that are considered valid are Mississippi, Vicksburg, July 13, 1913; Alabama, Leighton, August 26, 1892; South Carolina, Sullivan's Island, May, 1881, (possibly breeding); New Jersey, Stone Harbor, April 24, 1894, and Cape May, July 21, 1843; New York, Great South Bay, two taken, one in 1843; New Hampshire, Rye Beach, reported as taken several years previous to 1902; Maine, Rockland, one taken early in May, 1889; New Brunswick, Maces Bay, one in September, 1880; Iowa, Hawarden, one in 1890; Webster County, several in the summer of 1898; Wisconsin, Racine, April, 1847; North Dakota, Hankinson, July 29, 1921; Kansas, Wichita, one killed in 1906; and Nebraska, a few occurrences around Omaha in 1893, 1894, and 1895. One also was taken on San Nicholas Island of the Santa Barbara group, California, on May 25, 1897.