

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species: Whimbrel Number: (leave blank) **WVBRC 2019-3**
Location: Harris Riverfront Park - Huntington, WV Date: 5/23/19 Time: 8:30 AM
Bird Seen: One Day Only To: Age/Sex: Adult

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)
Photos submitted

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)
Photos submitted

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:
Heard a loud whistle as the birds flew from the bank and circled over the river.

Description of behavior:
Foraging along an exposed mud flat on the bank of the Ohio River.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Exposed mud flat on the bank of the Ohio River. The water levels were as low as I have seen them. A thick, ~~mucky~~ layer near the water's edge was where they preferred to stay.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

Was within 15 yds of the bird on two occasions. Viewed with Vortex Viper HD 10x42 binoculars. Lighting was ideal, at my back and early enough in the morning to not cause too many shadows.

Previous experience with this species:

Seen recently in Galveston, TX and five days prior in Gallipolis Ferry, WV.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

No experience with the Curlew species, but have seen the similarly sized Willet and Marbled Godwit on several trips to the Atlantic and Gulf Coast. Bill not long enough to be a long-billed Curlew, according to field guides and side by side comparisons of photos.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Additional observer signature:



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Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

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How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

Three days

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