

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

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Species: WOOD STORK Number: (leave blank)

Location: WILLIAMSTOWN MARSH, WILLIAMSTOWN, WV. NEAR DA VINCI'S RESTAURANT Date: 7-27 & 28-2018 Time: 2 PM - 8:30 PM / 6:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Bird Seen: 7-27-2018 To: 7-28-2018 Age/Sex: FIRST or SECOND YEAR - SEX UNKNOWN

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.) LARGE BODIED WATER. LONG LEGS AND NECK, LOOKED OVER 3FT TALL, MUCH MUCH LARGER THAN GREEN HERONS NEARBY. SEEMED SHORTER THAN GREAT BLUE HERON WOULD BE. VERY LARGE, HEAVY, DOWN CURVED BILL. ~~FEZ~~ FUZZ ON HEAD. PRETTY BIG FEET, WINGS LONG & PRETTY WIDE, AND MOSTLY WHITE WITH BLACK TIPS AND WIDE BLACK BAND ON TRAILING EDGE. BILL YELLOWISH TO FLESH COLORED. LEGS GRAYISH YELLOW.

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt) BODY FEATHERS WHITE WITH GRAYISH HEAD & SOME GRAY FEATHERS ON UPPER NECK. SOME TAWNY SHADE ON LOWER NECK. WINGS MOSTLY WHITE WITH WIDE BLACK TRAILING EDGE & BLACK TIPS. SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS. FUZZY FEATHERS ON HEAD.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard: NO VOCALIZATIONS HEARD.

Description of behavior: PROBED SHALLOW WATER WITH FEET AND DIPPED BILL INTO WATER FREQUENTLY AS IT FLED. FLEW TO TOP OF DEAD SNAG AND STOOD ON ONE LEG. FLEW TO LEAFY HORIZONTAL LIMB AND MOVED ALONG LIMB A LITTLE. FLEW BACK TO CATTAILS AT EDGE OF POND. MOVED IN AND OUT OF THE CATTAILS. STOOD AND RESTED 10-20 MINUTES A FEW TIMES.

Habitat: (General and Specific) SHALLOW POND COVERED IN GREEN DUCKWEED, CATTAILS AROUND EDGES. SHRUBS AND SMALL TO MEDIUM LARGE TREES AROUND SOME PARTS OF POND. BRUSH COVERED ISLAND IN POND. PAVED/BOARD-WALK TRAIL AROUND POND, CITY STREETS ON TWO SIDES OF POND. BUSY RESTAURANT AND IT'S PARKING LOT ON THIRD SIDE OF POND. ENTRY ROAD (NOT BUSY) TO INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ON FOURTH SIDE OF POND.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird) FROM 20 FEET TO 100+ YARDS, DEPENDING ON BIRD'S MOVEMENTS. VARIOUS SCOPES & BINOCULARS USED BY MANY OBSERVERS, I USED SWAROVSKI SLC 8x42 BINOCULARS AND SWAROVSKI ST-80 80-BOX SCOPE. LIGHT WAS OVERHEAD TO BEHIND OBSERVERS JULY 27, AND BEHIND BIRD TO OVERHEAD JULY 28. SUNNY TO PARTLY CLOUDY BOTH DAYS.

Previous experience with this species: I HAVE SEEN DOZENS OF WOOD STORKS IN FLORIDA, GEORGIA, AND BRAZIL OVER THE PAST 37 YEARS. MANY OTHER OBSERVERS HAD SEEN WOOD STORKS IN FLORIDA AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific) BILL SIZE AND SHAPE ELIMINATED ANY IBISES, HERONS, OR EGRETS. ^{OVERALL} SIZE AND BILL SHAPE ELIMINATED JABIRU. OVERALL COLOR & BILL COLOR & SHAPE ELIMINATED MAGUARI STORK. PLUMAGE COLORING AND BILL SHAPE WRONG FOR WOOD STORK.

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. DANNY CARPENTER - [REDACTED]

BARB HOHMAN & NEAL HOHMAN - [REDACTED]

BRUCE WUNDERLICH - [REDACTED]

PAT COLLING - [REDACTED]

TERRY BRONSON - [REDACTED]

MICHAEL WILLIAMS - [REDACTED]

MIKE GRIFFITH - [REDACTED]

DAVID PATICK - [REDACTED]

Additional observer signature: [REDACTED]

Additional observer signature: [REDACTED]

Additional observer signature: [REDACTED]

NEAL HOHMAN
DICK ESKER
MICHAEL SCHRAMM

TERRY BRONSON

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

SIBLY BIRDS APP., IBIRD PRO APP., PICTURES GOOGLED ON INTERNET. I USED THEM TO COMPARE TO OTHER SPECIES WHILE WRITING THIS REPORT. I USED MANY PICTURES OF THE ACTUAL BIRD TO HELP ME WRITE THE DESCRIPTIONS.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? STARTED IN THE EVENING OF JULY 28 AFTER OBSERVING BIRD ~~IN~~ AFTERNOON OF JULY 27 AND MORNING OF JULY 28. BY THEN I HAD PLENTY OF PICTURES

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BRUCE WUNDERLICH

DANNY CARPENTER

MICHAEL WILLIAMS

JON BENEDETTI

BILL & LEG COLOR CHANGES
WITH LIGHT AND DIFFERENT
CAMERAS.

ALSO SEEN BY:

DICK & JEANETTE ESKER - [REDACTED]

MICHAEL SCITRAMM - [REDACTED]

NANCY CORNES - [REDACTED]

JASON WHITE - [REDACTED]

BIRD ORIGINALLY FOUND BY DANNY CARPENTER.
FIRST REPORTED TO US BY NANCY CORNES



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