WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2023-10 Species: Black-necked Stilt – Randolph Co

Vote (select only one) _X_For State List ___Hypothetical List ___Against ___Exotic

Reasons voting FOR the record: (attach more pages if necessary)
CM1) Black-necked Stilt quite simply cannot be confused with any other species in North America. The photographs and description show that this bird is indeed a Black-necked Stilt.
CM2) The includes excellent photographic evidence that the bird in this record is a Black-necked Stilt. The main field marks of black on the head, neck, back and tail with a white neck, spot above the eye, breast and undertail coverts, and long pinkish red legs document this bird as a Black-necked Stilt. There are no other similar birds to this species except Black-winged Stilt, but it has less black on the face and lacks the white spot above the eye.
CM3) Although the description is lacking, the pictures are diagnostic.
CM4) Not much to say. Excellent photos of Black-necked Stilts.
CM5) Clear, unmistakable photos from an observer who has experience with the species.
CM6) Highly distinctive species photographed by experienced observer.
CM7) 1. Excellent image documentation 2. Written descriptions 3. Reputation of submitter