

STILT SANDPIPER AND HUDSONIAN GODWIT IN NEVADA

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This note reports the first specimens of Stilt Sandpiper (*Micropalama himantopus*) and Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) collected in Nevada. All specimens were taken at the tailing ponds in Las Vegas Wash, 24 km southeast of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. One specimen of each is now in the Museum of Biology, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada (UNMB) and one Hudsonian Godwit specimen is now in the Nevada State Museum (NSM) collection, Carson City, Nevada.

STILT SANDPIPER.—Prior to this report there were only two published records of sightings of Stilt Sandpiper in Nevada. In northern Nevada, three birds were observed 30 July 1939 in Churchill County, 24 km northwest of Fallon near Hazen by Slipp (1942, Murrelet 22: 61–62). In south-central Nevada, seven birds were observed at the Nevada Test Site in Nye County 8 October 1961 (Hayward, et. al, 1963, Brigham Young Univ. Sci. Bull. Vol. 3, No. 1: 10). I

collected one bird 17 September 1976 (UNMB #1813, immature male, skull not fully ossified, gonad minute, moderate fat, weight 59.25g). Three other sight records, all from Las Vegas Wash, include the following: I observed one bird 28 April 1972 and Vince Mowbray observed two birds on two separate occasions, 16 September 1973 and 7 September 1976.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT.—There are no previous sightings of this species in Nevada. I collected two of five birds present 15 May 1976, one male and one female. The male is UNMB #1808, adult, skull fully ossified, left testes 8x3mm, light fat, weight 231.05g. The female is now NSM #1616, adult, skull fully ossified, ovary granular, largest ova 1x2mm, heavy fat, weight 279.05g. The presence of these birds had been discovered earlier in the day by Vince Mowbray.

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