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BIRD IDENTIFICATION	Hudsonian Godwit. 1 adult male in breeding plumage.
DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION	May 19, 2022
TIME OF DAY	9:30 AM
LOCATION	Wireless Road, near Astoria. In a wet, grassy cow pasture.
LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS	Sun and clouds
DETAILS	A shorebird with an upturned bill that was orange from the base to about half-way down, then black at the tip. Dark rufous chest and belly, dark back, lighter-color neck. Light gray face with a dark stripe running from base of bill to eye; darker on top of head. Feeding in wet, grassy field, along with a flock of shorebirds that included 4 Marbled Godwits and about 30 Whimbrels. Size of the birds was a little smaller than a Whimbrel, and noticeably smaller than a Marbled Godwit.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES?	Only a little experience: I have seen one from a distance at Ft Stevens several years ago.
SIMILAR SPECIES	Hudsonian Godwit was smaller than nearby Marbled Godwits. Chest and belly of Hudsonian much darker than that of Marbled Godwits.
DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?	Yes

HUGO-2022-37 (Hudsonian Godwit)
Photo by Diana Byrne



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1st round voting — 29 September 2022

Accepted: 9
Not Accepted: 0

ACCEPTED, verified

Nice to see a photo of an adult in spring.

The field marks on this bird are consistent with those of a male Hudsonian Godwit in alternate plumage. Black-tailed Godwits have longer straighter bills and have rufous coloration on the neck. Bar-tailed Godwits have rufous coloration on the neck and also have a rufous supercilium, not a white supercilium as is seen on the bird in the photograph of this Hudsonian Godwit.

Nothing raises any flags against a spring HUGO. Streaky gray neck, strong whiteish supercilium, dark rusty underparts, and bicolored bill collectively point away from Bar-tailed and Marbled Godwit.

Sufficient documentation and a solid write up. I agree with the ID.

photos rule out other species - gray head and neck, reddish breast of a breeding-plumaged adult

streaked neck, rufous breast nails it

Tail and underwing not noted, but the photo and description seem plenty good enough to rule out other godwit species and confirm adult Hudsonian transitioning out of alternate plumage. This bird was seen by many people; thanks to Diana for actually submitting a report.

Convincing photo and description.

Nice looking adult bird.

Nice photos of a classic Hudsonian Godwit.

Good photo and description.