

The Second Record of Pied Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) for Thailand

In the aftermath of Typhoon Gay, Catherine Jeffs and I spent several days at Khao Sam Roi Yot National Park, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province. The storm surge and associated weather conditions had flooded several fields near the park headquarters, creating ideal wader feeding conditions. On 3 November 1989 we discovered one flooded field which held good numbers of waders. The most obvious of these was single Pied Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*). No difficulty was encountered identifying this distinctive wader, due to its pied plumage and delicate recurved bill. Both observers were highly familiar with this species from Britain. We were far more interested in the other waders present, which included Asiatic Dowitcher (*Limnodromus semipalmatus*) 4, Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) 2, Long-toed Stint (*Calidris subminuta*) 100+, and Temminck's Stint (*C. temminckii*) 40+. Unfortunately by the next day the rising water level had obliterated the feeding area and while a few waders remained, the avocet had departed.

We were surprised to learn that this was only the second record of Pied Avocet for Thailand.

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