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1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Long-billed Curlew
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	not sure- the bill was not as long as some LBCU I've seen, so possibly younger bird- purely conjecture.
5) Date:	2019-04-13
6) Location (include county):	Lake Montrose- the fluddle on the public beach at Montrose. Chicago, Cook Co
7) Observers:	Initially Amanda Tichacek and myself, shortly joined by many others. See E-bird reports
8) Your name:	Scott Latimer
Street Address	[REDACTED]
Street Address Line 2	
City	[REDACTED]
State / Province / Region	[REDACTED]
Postal / Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Country	[REDACTED]
10) Your e-mail address:	[REDACTED]
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	Many experienced observers present- Bob Hughes, Andrew Aldrich, Craig Taylor, Matthew Cvetas, Tom Lally, Fran Morel to name a few
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	none
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, wings, undertail, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	From a distance we could only see de-curved bill so initially thought of Whimbrel. As we got closer we noticed a very large shorebird with very long down curved bill. The head did not have a streaked crown, and there was a light eye-ring visible. The body was checked light brown on back with unstreaked buffy in breast/belly area. When wings raised cinnamon underwing was present. Legs appeared grayish.
14) Description of behavior:	Alone in shallow water, only shorebird present. Occasionally harrassed by Gulls. After 20 minutes of observation flew south over pier and was not re-found. An hour later it flew back to almost exact same spot where it was observed by many. Flew to north and I believe not seen again.
15) Description of vocalizations:	none heard

16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	large fluddle in middle of public beach. maybe 100 ft from Lake Michigan shoreline.
17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	10x42 Binocs, 400mm Nikon , Others present had scopes
18) Distance/how measured?	Perhaps 150 ft, we didnt want to get to close and flush it. All present were respectful of not getting too close to bird.
19) Time of observation:	08:00 am
20) Total time of observation:	2 periods of approximately 30 minutes each
21) Weather conditions:	Sunny light west wind 48 degrees. This day was preceded by very strong west winds the previous day (bomb cyclone)
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	Previous observations in Fla and TX. Whimbrel 3 times in IL and other states.
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	Larger size, longer bill, unstreaked head, cinnamon axillaries rule out Whimbrel
24) Were photos obtained?	Yes
25) If so, by whom?	Many, see e-bird reports and FB posts
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	As we got closer it dawned on me that this might not be a whimbrel. I pulled a picture of of LBCU on IBird-pro on my phone. One of the other first birders on scene said "your not going there are you?" I responded " Oh, I think I'm going there"!!
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	ebird report filed that day.
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	2 days
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	



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