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## **American Avocet**



American avocets are generally found in the western part of the United States and along the southern coast and around Florida. The birds in the above picture are from Nebraska. The American avocet is very distinctively colored, and is also readily identified by the long, upturned bill.





This American avocet, checking out mallards, found its way to New Jersey and spent some time at Mill Creek Marsh. It is the only one I have ever seen in the northern part of the state. Farther south they are irregular visitors.

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