

**Twenty-first Report of the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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**2012 Records
Andrew McGann, PORC Chairman**

The Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee (hereafter "PORC" or "the committee") evaluates and archives documentation it receives of any species or recognizable form that is on the official Review List for Pennsylvania. In addition, the committee reviews documentation for species or subspecies that were previously unrecorded in the Commonwealth. This report covers 140 records of 59 species. The 128 records accepted represent an acceptance rate of 91%. Reports were received from 31 counties.

Highlights in this report include the unprecedented scale of hurricane-dispersed vagrants related to the meteorological phenomenon of Hurricane Sandy. In fact, so many rare birds were observed as a result of Hurricane Sandy that the backlog of records to review was a large part of why this report and those of the subsequent years were so greatly delayed.

The first records of Trindade Petrel, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, "Vega" Herring Gull, Dovekie, Black-chinned Hummingbird, and Lesser Goldfinch bring the state total to 432. There are 423 in Class I and 9 on the Provisional List. (Pulcinella 2011, PB V25:N3).

PORC encourages observers to document their sightings with photos, video, or audio whenever possible. Even poor photos can be diagnostic and elevate a report from Class III to Class I. However, written documentation is also important, as will be seen in this report where there are several instances in which a photograph was judged to be less than diagnostic, but the report was still accepted as a Class III (sight record) based on the merits of the observer's written account.

Indeed, the entire birding landscape has changed in the years since the previous PORC report was published, cataloging observations from the year 2011. Smartphone cameras have improved to the point where they can rival digital SLR cameras in certain situations. Many birders use an adapter to combine their smartphone with their binoculars or spotting scope in the technique dubbed "digiscoping." The modern smartphone is ubiquitous and constantly tagging along in the pockets of most birders. As of 2017, the smartphone has become the ultimate tool for birders, second only to binoculars. They include not just still cameras but also excellent video cameras and sensitive microphones. They also leverage GPS receivers and applications for recording the observers exact location or path traveled anywhere on the planet. And the ultimate feature is the almost ubiquitous direct link to the Internet, delivering unlimited connectivity with the outside world. Birders relish meteorological information and modern weather services present it in ways not only useful but also graphically beautiful, such as Doppler radar and wind maps illustrating wind currents flowing over the surface of the Earth, both live and forecast into the future. Birders can connect to each other and share news, information, and multimedia in real time. The birding community has grown too. The "barriers to entry" have never been lower, and it's never been easier for new birders to catch up to experienced birders through the democratic access to the kind of information that used to take multiple lifetimes to accrue. Birding and sharing go hand-in-hand.

PORC encourages observers to document their sightings with photographs, videos, or sound recordings whenever possible. The observation of a bird in the field is a fleeting moment and an ephemeral personal experience. While the observer might be 100% convinced of their identification judgement, the purpose of sharing an observation is to convince others that the observer was in fact correct. Unlike a court of justice, the burden of proof lies with the

observer. This problem then falls on the reporter's abilities as a writer, which may or may not do justice to their experience in the field or their correctness or incorrectness in the identification. Thus the gold standard is physical evidence. Photographs, video clips, or sound recordings do not fade or deteriorate over time, and they can be preserved indefinitely for future reviewers to revisit and see not just with fresh eyes but with the benefit of future ornithological knowledge not yet known. PORC does not want to discourage the writing and submission of reports without physical evidence, and it's true that physical evidence is hardly useful without any written context. Rather, we encourage birders to obtain physical documentation evidence whenever possible.

Many birders have foregone the paper notebook in favor of directly recording their notes in eBird, the global database of bird observations, which benefits ornithologists and fellow birders alike. The trusty field guide has taken the leap from physical book form to digital, and for essentially the same cost of buying a book, you can now also get a comprehensive library of birds' sounds as well. And everything is always right there in your pocket.

Committee News

The committee is currently comprised of Andy McGann (Chair), Ian Gardner (non-voting Secretary), Dave DeReamus, Mike Weible, Devich Farbotnik, Mike Fialkovich, Holly Merker, and Billy Weber. The Committee has undergone several changes in the time since the Twentieth Report was published in July 2013. Drew Weber succeeded Al Guarantee as Chair and held the position from 2012 to 2015. Ben Coulter and Cameron Rutt left the committee in 2013 and 2014, respectively. The critical position of non-voting Secretary changed hands from Jan Getgood to Ian Gardner in 2015. Mike Lanzone, Devich Farbotnik, and Mike Fialkovich joined in 2013. Holly Merker, Billy Weber, and Mike Weible joined in 2015. Mike Lanzone left in 2016.

Classification of Records

Class I: An accepted record based on an existing identifiable specimen, a diagnostic photograph, or a diagnostic recording. Abbreviations are (P) photograph, (R) sound recording, (V) video clip, (S) specimen

Class II: An accepted sight record written up independently by two or more observers.

Class III: An accepted sight record documented by one observer

Class IV-A: A record for which there exists a majority of evidence in support of the observer's identification: the record is probably correct, but not beyond reasonable doubts.

Class IV-B: A record for which there exists insufficient evidence for evaluation

Class IV-C: A record for which there exists a majority of evidence in favor of an identification other than what was submitted.

Class V: The identification is correct, but the bird represents or may represent an escapee from artificial aviculture or an introduced bird not yet established in Pennsylvania.

Format of this Report

The 2012 report is divided into two sections. The first section includes only the records relating to the extraordinary meteorological event of Hurricane Sandy. The second section includes all of the records throughout the rest of the year 2012.

The records in each section are arranged taxonomically following the 2017 American Ornithological Society Check-list of North American Birds. The number in parentheses after the species name represents the number of accepted records, including those in this report, since the establishment of PORC in 1989. A (+) after the number signifies accepted historical records prior to the formation of PORC. Each accepted record includes the locality and county and date(s) when known. In many cases, dates are taken from the seasonal reports published in *Pennsylvania Birds*, and from incidental information gleaned from the PABIRDS email listserv, the Pennsylvania Birders Facebook Group, the PARBA GroupMe text message alert service, and its regional sub-groups, and—most helpful of all—the eBird database. Enclosed in parentheses following the date are the name(s) of the observer(s) who submitted documentation. Following the list of observers is the record's classification and the PORC record number. All photographs, video, and sound recordings are currently being held with the Secretary.

Accepted Records from Hurricane Sandy

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) (17+)

One individual in a flooded pasture along Back Creek, viewed from Edgewater Drive, Chambersburg, *Franklin* on 30 October 2012. (Chris Blazo, Bill Oyler, Lori Nichols; 261-04-2012; Class II). 6/1.

American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*) (9)

Two adults were observed flying south down the Delaware River from Marcus Hook, *Delaware*, on 30 October 2012. (Al Guarente, Chris Langman, Tom Johnson, Cameron Rutt, Doug Gochfeld; 266-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One individual was observed flying from the rocks of the fishing pier at Nockamixon SP, *Bucks*, on 30 October 2012. It remained present, flying around the lake for several hours, eventually spending more time on the docks at the Marina area. (Devich Farbotnik, Billy Weber; 266-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Two adults were observed flying over the lake at Shawnee SP, *Bedford*, on 30 October 2012. (Geoff Malosh; 266-03-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) (56)

Two individuals at Yellow Creek SP, *Indiana*, on 30 October 2012. (Tim Shreckengost (p), Eleanor Kwik; 331-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Six individuals at Marsh Creek SP, *Chester*, on 30 October 2012. (Amy Davis (p), Barry Blust, Jeffrey Davis, Brian Henderson, Larry Lewis, Holly Merker, et al.; 331-03-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

One at John Heinz NWR, *Philadelphia*, on 30 October 2012. (Todd Fellenbaum, Adrian Binns, Debbie Beer, Al Guarante, Frank Windfelder, et al.; 331-04-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks*, on 30 October 2012. (Bill Keim, Ken Reiker; 331-05-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One on the Susquehanna River at Marysville, *Dauphin*, on 30 October 2012. (Cameron Rutt, Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Melissa Roach, Andy McGann; 331-06-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One sitting on Lake Ontelaunee, *Berks*, on 31 October 2012. (Cameron Rutt, Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Melissa Roach, Andy McGann; 331-07-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Two on Lake Minsi, *Northampton*, on 30 October 2012. (Matt Sabatine, 331-08-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One at Chambers Lake, *Chester*, on 1 November 2012. (Rick Robinson, Rand McIlvane, Marian Quinn; 331-10-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One on Springfield Lake in Churchville Park, Churchville, *Bucks* on 31 October 2012. (Nick Zahn, found by Vince DeAntoniis, and Tim McFadden; 331-11-2012; Class III). 7/0.



Image 1. Red Phalarope at Marsh Creek SP, *Chester* 30 October 2012; one of six individuals. (Photo by Amy Davis)

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) (36)

A remarkable 19 individuals (3 adults, 16 subadults) were observed flying over the Delaware River from Norris Street in Chester, *Delaware*, on 30 October 2012. (Amy Davis, Jeffery Davis, Bert Harris, Ben Schweinhart, David S. Wilcove; 332-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Even more remarkable, 29 individuals were observed flying around Greenlick Run Lake, *Fayette* on 30 October 2012. (Mike Fialkovich; 332-03-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Five light-phase adults were observed floating together on Lake Ontelaunee, Leesport, *Berks* on 30 October 2012. (Ken Lebo, 332-04-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One light-phase immature was photographed at Bald Eagle SP, *Centre*, on 30 October 2012. (Alex Lamoreaux, Anna Fasoli, Ian Gardner, Josh Lefever, Michael David, et al.; 332-08-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One light-phase adult was observed on the Ohio River at Dashields Dam, near the outlet of Flaugherty Run, *Allegheny*, on 30 October 2012. (Geoff Malosh; 332-09-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Jaeger species (*Stercorarius* sp).

One immature individual was observed before sunrise on the Delaware River, viewed from Pennypack on the Delaware, *Philadelphia*, on 30 October 2012. The photograph submitted was judged to be less than unquestionably diagnostic, and this record was accepted as a sight record. (Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Cameron Rutt; 332a-01-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One light-morph immature individual was observed at Rose Valley Lake, Gamble Township, *Lycoming*, on 30 October 2012. (Dan Brauning, Steve Pinkerton, Norwood Fredericks, Dave Ferry; 332a-02-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One immature individual was observed at Lake Minsi, near Bangor, *Northampton*, on 30 October 2012. (Matthew Sabatine; 332a-03-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One light-morph adult was observed at the swimming beach area of Yellow Creek SP, *Indiana* on 30 October 2012. (Tim Shreckengost, Lee Carnahan, et al.; 332a-04-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) (26)

Two light-morph immature individuals were observed at the fisherman's pull-off from PA-73 at Lake Ontelaunee, near Leesport, *Berks* on 30 October 2012. (Ken Lebo, Harold Lebo, Matt Wlasniewski; 333-01-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One was observed on the Delaware River, from Pennypack on the Delaware, *Philadelphia* on 30 October 2012. The photograph submitted was helpful but judged to be less than diagnostic, so this record was accepted as a sight record. (Tom Johnson, Cameron Rutt; 333-05-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) (16)

At the end of the day, at approximately 8:40 PM, one juvenile was observed flying over and sitting on the water of the Susquehanna River, *Dauphin*, viewed from Marysville on 30 October 2012. Tom Johnson, Melissa Roach, Doug Gochfeld, Andy McGann, Cameron Rutt et al.; 357-01-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*) (12)

One immature in basic plumage was observed near Seven Points Marina at Lake Raystown, *Huntingdon*, on 31 October 2012. (Ian Gardner, Andy Markel, Dave Wilton, Dave Kyler, Trudy Kyler, Michael David, Jason Horn, Peter Robinson, Devich Farbotnik; 360-01-2012; Class II). 7/0.

One juvenile was observed flying up Delaware River from Pennypack on the Delaware, *Philadelphia*, at 7 am on 30 October 2012. (Tom Johnson, George Armistead, Marshall Iliff, Doug Gochfeld, Cameron Rutt; 360-02-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*) (14)

Five individuals, including both adults and immatures, were observed flying over the Delaware River from Pennypack on the Delaware, *Philadelphia*, on the morning of 30 October 2012. Four birds, two groups of two, were northbound flying upstream, and one immature bird was southbound. (Cameron Rutt, Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Frank Windfelder, George Armistead, Todd Fellenbaum, Martin Dellwo; 364-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

One observed at Nockamixon SP, *Bucks*, on 31 October 2012. The submitted photograph was not conclusive and the report was accepted as a sight record. (Bill Etter; 364-02-2012; Class III). 6/1.

Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuscata*) (18)

A juvenile observed flying over the Delaware River, initially detected from New Jersey, flew over Pennsylvania waters with Laughing Gulls. The tern was detected by observers at Pennypack on the Delaware, *Philadelphia*, as it flew over the New Jersey side of the river. (Cameron Rutt, Marshall Iliff, Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Frank Windfelder, George Armistead, Todd Fellenbaum, Martin Dellwo; 375-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) (13)

Four juveniles were observed in a flooded pasture along Back Creek, viewed from Edgewater Drive, Chambersburg, *Franklin*, on 30 October 2012. (Chris Blazo, Bill Oyler, Lori Nichols; 382-01-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One juvenile was observed at Avocet Point of the Conejohela Flats, in the Susquehanna River near Washington Boro, *Lancaster*, on 31 October 2012. (Meredith Lombard, Mike Epler; 382-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Two juveniles were observed at McKees Rocks on the Ohio River, *Allegheny*, on 4 November 2012. (Mark Vass, Mike Fialkovich (p), Jeff McDonald (p); 382-03-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Trindade (Herald) Petrel (*Pterodroma arminjoniana*) (1)

One moribund individual was found under a mailbox in Hollidaysburg, *Blair*, on 3 November 2012. The bird was taken to a veterinarian, but did not respond well to treatments. It was measured and photographed by Mike Lanzone before it died. The specimen was then sent to a museum collection. (Mike Lanzone; 019a-01-2012; Class I-P/S). 7/0. This represents the first state record of this species. Photo published in PB V26:N4.



Image 2. Trindade (Herald) Petrel, Holidaysburg, Blair 3 November 2012. (Photo by Mike Lanzone)

Wilson's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma oceanicus*) (1)

One observed "pattering" and actively feeding on Lake Raystown, from Seven Points Marina, *Huntingdon*, on the morning of 31 October 2012. (Ian Gardner, Dave Kyler, Trudy Kyler, Jon Kauffman, Greg Grove, Jason Horn, Andy Markel, Dave Wilton, Michael David, Peter Robinson, Mike Dreibelbis, Devich Farbotnik; 046-01-2012; Class III). 6/1.

Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) (10)

One flew downstream on the Delaware River, viewed from Pleasant Hill Park, *Philadelphia*, on 30 October 2012. (Amy Davis, Jeffrey Davis; 050-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One photographed from a distance of 15 feet, sitting on Memorial Lake in Memorial Lake SP, *Lebanon*, on 30 October 2012. This bird was not observed to fly and appeared exhausted. (Jarrod Derr, Tim Becker, David McNaughton, Ed Bellamy; 050-02-2012; Class I-P). 6/1.

One photographed flying to escape the predatory interest of a gull on the Delaware River, viewed from Radcliffe and Monroe Streets in Bristol Borough, *Bucks*, on 30 October 2012. This individual

spent most of its time sitting on the water, apparently resting. (Gerard Dewaghe, Christine Dewaghe; 050-03-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Two observed sitting on Lake Ontelaunee, viewed from the dam in Leesport, *Berks*, on 30 October 2012. Neither bird was observed flying, but they drifted conveniently closer to the dam breast. This record was accepted as a sight record as the photo documentation was not undeniably diagnostic. (Ken Lebo, Mike Slater, Steve Fordyce, Harold Lebo, Ken Hass, et al.; 050-04-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One individual was independently reported by multiple observers at Rose Valley Lake in Gamble Township, near Williamsport, *Lycoming*, on 30 October 2012. (Dan Brauning, Dave Ferry, Steve Pinkerton, Norwood Fredericks; 050-05-2012; Class II). 6/1.

One individual was photographed on 30 October 2012, in flight over the Delaware River from Marcus Hook, *Delaware*, shortly before it was captured by a Peregrine Falcon. Photo published in PB V26:N4. A second, more amazing photo was submitted with the unfortunate Storm-Petrel in the talons of the immature Peregrine. (Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Cameron Rutt; 050-06-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photos published on the cover of PB V26:N4.

An astounding six-to-twenty individuals observed on the Delaware River from Pennypack on the Delaware, *Philadelphia*, on 30 October 2012. (Tom Johnson, Cameron Rutt, Doug Gochfeld, George Armistead, Frank Windfelder, Todd Fellenbaum, et al.; 050-07-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Three observed on the Susquehanna River, *Dauphin*, viewed from West Fairview (*Cumberland*) on 30 October 2012. Another case where the photo submitted was less than undeniably diagnostic and the report accepted as a sight record. (Alex Lamoreaux, et al.; 050-08-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One was observed resting on the water at Lake Nockamixon SP, *Bucks*, on 30 October 2012. The bird was only briefly viewed in flight, scrambling to get out of the way of a Merlin coursing low across the water. (Bill Etter; 050-09-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One individual, initially incorrectly identified as a Wilson's Storm-Petrel, was observed at Shawnee SP, *Bedford*, on 30 October 2012. Identification was unusually tough but benefitted from both photo and video documentation. (Geoff Malosh, Mike Lanzone, Ben Coulter, Jeff Payne, Shannon Thompson, et al.; 050-10-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*) (11)

One adult observed floating downstream on the Susquehanna River, *Dauphin*, occasionally flying upriver towards Marysville, as viewed from West Fairview (*Cumberland*) on 30 October 2012. (Alex Lamoreaux et al.; 065-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Cattle Egret (*Bulbulcis ibis*) (128)

One adult was observed flying over the Susquehanna River, *Dauphin*, heading downstream, as viewed from the West Fairview boat launch (*Cumberland*) on 30 October 2012. (Alex Lamoreaux et al.; 089-03-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) (31)

One was observed perched among Tree Swallows and then in flight over the impoundment at John Heinz NWR, *Philadelphia*, on 31 October 2012. (Al Guarente, Frank Windfelder, Mike Rosengarten, Todd Fellenbaum, Adrian Binns, Debbie Beer, et al.; 576-01-2012; Class II). 7/0.

One observed at Aitch boat launch at Lake Raystown, near Marklesburg, *Huntingdon*, on 31 October 2012. (Ian Gardner, Dave Kyler, Trudy Kyler, Mike Dreibelbis; 576-02-2012; Class III). 6/1.

Two observed at Nockamixon SP, *Bucks*, on 31 October 2012, at midday. (Cameron Rutt, August Mirabella, Bill Etter, Rick Wiltraut; 576-03-2012; Class II). 7/0.

One at private fly ash pond off of Depues Rd, near Martin's Creek, *Northampton*, not far from the Delaware River, on 31 October 2012. (Matthew Sabatine; 576-05-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One observed among thousands of Tree Swallows, from the boat launch at West Fairview, flying over the Susquehanna River in *Dauphin*, on 31 October 2012. (Jarrod Derr; 576-06-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

At least three individuals observed the previous day at same location in West Fairview, over the Susquehanna River in *Dauphin*, 30 October 2012. (Alex Lamoreaux, Anna Fasoli, Ian Gardner, Josh Lefever, Melissa Roach, Michael David, Steve Brenner, Ramsay Koury, Jason Horn, Andy Markel, Ian Gardner, Peter Robinson, Joan Renninger, Annette Mathes, Dick Colyer, Jarrod Derr, Dave McNaughton, Andy McGann, et al.; 576-07-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One was observed foraging over the water at Beaver Run Reservoir, *Westmoreland*, on 1 November 2012 (Geoff Malosh, Dave Wilton; 576-08-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*) (3)

One individual was observed at Pine Run Reservoir, *Bucks*, two days after the passage of Sandy, on 1 November 2012. (Cameron Rutt, August Mirabella; 830b-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Other Accepted 2012 Records

Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) (13)

One at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks*, on 17-19 November and 20 December 2012. (August Mirabella, et al.; 108-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca crecca*) (43)

A drake was photographed in a LaSalle College stormwater basin, Newtown Twp., *Bucks*, among a flock of American Green-winged Teal, on 17 January 2012. (Mark Gallagher, August Mirabella; 119a-01-2012; Class I-P). 6/1. Photo published in PB V26:N1.

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) (24)

A drake was photographed at Breakwater 57 in Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 8 January 2012. (Shawn Collins, et al.; 149-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N1.

One was photographed at Sunset Point in Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 5 December 2012. (Jerry McWilliams, Jimmy Marz; 149-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0.

Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) (78)

One individual in "nearly full breeding plumage" was observed at Prince Gallitzin SP, *Cambria*, from 24 to 26 April 2012. (Michael David, Alex Lamoreaux, et al.; 009-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N2.

One in non-breeding plumage observed at Memorial Lake SP, *Lebanon*, from 28 October, through at least 10 December 2012. (Jarrod Derr, David McNaughton, Tim Becker, Rosemary Spreha,

Chuck Chalfont, Randy Miller, Jonathan Heller, Al Guarente, et al.; 009-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Two in non-breeding plumage at Nazareth Quarry, *Northampton*, from 14 December through the end of the year. (Dustin Welch, Matthew Sabatine, et al.; 009-03-2012; Class III). 7/0.



Image 3. Eared Grebe at Memorial Lake SP, *Lebanon* 29 October 2012. (Photo by Jarrod Derr)

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) (6)

One long-staying individual at Memorial Lake SP, *Lebanon*, on 4 November 2012. At the time, there were 5 species of grebes present together, offering birders an ultra-diverse *Podicipedidae* spectacle. The Western was accompanied by the aforementioned Eared Grebe, alongside Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe and Pied-billed Grebe. (Jarrod Derr, Tim Becker, Randy Miller, Chuck Chalfont, Jan Getgood, Al Guarente, David McNaughton, Chris Bortz, Joan Renninger, Rosemary Spreha, Richard and Pat Williams, et al.; 010-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*) (1)

A female visited a backyard feeder in Morrisville, *Bucks* during a 2-hour window on the afternoon of 10 November 2012. This bird was observed only for a tiny period of time, and it's remarkable that the homeowner was able to record diagnostic photos of this bird at his feeder. (Rich Dulay (p); 489-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Calliope Hummingbird (*Stellula calliope*) (3)

An immature male visited backyard of Joe Flood, Devon, *Chester* 1 November 2012. (Wayne Laubscher, Nick Pulcinella (p); 492-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

An immature male visited the backyard of Bob & Amy Weiss, Lancaster, *Lancaster* from 11 November to 10 December 2012. Banded by Lockerman on 1 December 2012, her report contained excellent photographs of the individual feathers and measurements recorded. (Sandy Lockerman (p); 492-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) (11)

One at Greencove Wetlands, *Washington*, on 5-6 October 2012. (Geoff Malosh, Shannon Thompson, Dave Wilton, Mike Fialkovich, Michael David; 231-01-2012; Class II). 7/0.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) (5)

One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, from 3-4 June 2012. (Jerry McWilliams, Shannon Thompson, Geoff Malosh, et al.; 257-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N3.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) (17+)

One banded adult at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 13 July 2012. (Mike Weible, Sarah Rood, et al.; 261-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One banded adult at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 12 August 2012. (Daniel Parsons; 261-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One adult at Avocet Point on Conejohela Flats, Washington Boro, *Lancaster*, on 18 September 2012. (Chuck Chalfont, Meredith Lombard, Mike Epler; 261-03-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) (12)

One individual at the Conewago Recreational Trail Wetlands, *Lancaster*, on 22 May 2012. (Richard and Pat Williams, Mike Epler et al.; 268-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.



Image 4. Black-necked Stilt at Conewago Recreation Trail Wetlands, *Lancaster* 22 May 2012. (Photo by Mike Epler)

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) (7)

One male undergoing pre-alternate molt at Somerset Lake IBA, *Somerset*, on 18 April 2012. (Michael Lanzone, et al.; 321-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N2.

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) (56)

One individual in basic plumage was photographed at Imperial Grasslands, *Allegheny*, on 24 February 2012. (Shawn Collins; 331-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) (36)

One individual at Sunset Point, Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 21 November 2012. (Jerry McWilliams, Jim Flynn; 332-05-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) (26)

One dark morph and two paler individuals were observed from Sunset Point at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 24 November 2012. (Jerry McWilliams; 333-02-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Again, three individuals were observed from Sunset Point at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 25 November 2012. (Jerry McWilliams, Dave Wilton, Shannon Thompson, Geoff Malosh; 333-03-2012; Class III). 6/0.

One photographed from the mouth of Walnut Creek in Fairview Twp., *Erie*, near Presque Isle SP on 5 December 2012. (Jerry McWilliams; 333-04-2012; Class I-P). 6/1.

Dovekie (*Alle alle*) (1)

One individual was found in a driveway with a broken leg by homeowner Stephanie Ponist in New Hope, *Bucks*, and taken to Aark wildlife rehabilitation clinic on 21 December 2012. It died a

couple of days later and the specimen was given to the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Mirabella reported, "On 12/20 and 12/21 there were strong winds and heavy rain overnight. At Cape May Point, 31 Dovekie and 9 Razorbill were observed leaving Delaware Bay in the early morning of 12/21. The Dovekie count was reported as a modern day record per a post to the NJ ABA Birding News site. A similar occurrence in 1932 referred to as a 'wreck' of Dovekies in the same post provided one of two other *Bucks* records." (Leah Stallings, Matt Danihel, Zach Boles (p); August Mirabella; 383-01-2012; Class I-S). 7/0. Photo published in PB V27:N1.

Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) (41)

A second-cycle bird was observed on the Susquehanna River at Washington Boro, near the Conejohela Flats, *Lancaster*, from 5 February to 10 March 2012. (Meredith Lombard, Eric Witmer, et al.; 340-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N1.

An adult in basic plumage was observed at Lake Arthur in Moraine SP, *Butler*, on 2 December 2012. (Geoff Malosh, Shannon Thompson, et al.; 340-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N1.

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) (8)

One adult in basic plumage, of the "short-billed" (American) population, was observed flying in a group of Ring-billed Gulls over harvested hay and corn fields near the intersection of Liberty Lane and Academy Road in Colerain Township, *Lancaster*, on 11 December 2012. The bird was studied in flight and the observer provided a very detailed description. (Chuck Chalfont; 344-01-2012; Class III). 6/1.

California Gull (*Larus californicus*) (19)

An adult in basic plumage was found and photographed at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 29 January 2012. (Jerry McWilliams; 346-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

"Vega" Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus vegae*) (1)

One adult undergoing primary feather molt was observed on a "mountain of trash" at the GROWS North Landfill, a Waste Management property, in Tullytown, *Bucks*, which was accessed with permission during a Christmas Bird Count. (Tom Johnson, George Armistead, Melissa Roach, Rick Mellon, Chuck Chalfont, Shannon Thompson, and Dave Wilton; 347a-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V27:N1.

Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*) (55)

A first cycle individual found and photographed by Jerry McWilliams at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 12 February 2012. (Jerry McWilliams, Mike Weible; 348-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

A different first cycle bird found and photographed by Jerry McWilliams at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 3 March 2012. (Jerry McWilliams; 348-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

A first cycle individual at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 22 December 2012. (Alex Lamoreaux, Ian Gardner, Josh Lefever; 348-03-2012; Class I-P). 6/0.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) (24)

Two were observed at Elk SP, *Elk*, on 22 May 2012. (Al Guarente; 369-01-2012; Class I-P). 6/1.

One observed at Beltzville SP, *Carbon*, from 21 to 22 May 2012. (Rick Wiltraut, Drew Weber, Dustin Welch, et al.; 369-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N2.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) (11)

One individual in non-breeding plumage at "Pond 6" off of Ridge Road in Somerset Twp, *Washington*, 3 December 2012. (Andy

Berchin, Dave Wilton, Shannon Thompson, Geoff Malosh, et al.; 002a-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) (37) One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, from 27 May to 1 June 2012. (Shannon Thompson, Jerry McWilliams et al.; 087-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N2.

Cattle Egret (*Bulbulcus ibis*) (128)

One observed in a small horse pasture along Washington Crossing Road, *Bucks*, on 5 November 2012. (Barbara and Phillip Stollsteimer, Bill Keim, et al.; 089-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

One in pasture at intersection of Moyer Rd and PA-113, near Blooming Glen, *Bucks*, on 15 May 2012. (Henry Rosenberger, Devich Farbotnik, August Mirabella; 089-02-2012; Class I-P). 6/0.

One observed foraging on the lawn & parking lot area in front of the visitor's center at John Heinz NWR, *Philadelphia*, on 6 November 2012. (Todd Fellenbaum, Debbie Beer, Adrian Binns, Denis Brennan, Frank Windfelder et al.; 089-04-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) (38)

One juvenile observed along Gut Road, near Saginaw, *York*, from 9-12 August 2012. (Jason Miller, Lou Carpenter, Ramsay Koury, Andy McGann, Chris Bortz et al.; 093-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) (3)

One at Old Crow Wetland, *Huntingdon* 3 May 2012 (David Kyler, Trudy Kyler; 096-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) (24)

One observed from the Accomac Inn near the banks of the Susquehanna River in Hellam Twp, *York*, on 3 May 2012. (John and Jean Prescott, Phil Keener; 168-01-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One observed from a backyard in Marshall Township, *Allegheny*, on 30 April 2012. (Grace Smith; 168-02-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One observed circling over agricultural fields less than one mile west of East Berlin Borough, *Adams*, on 23 August 2012. (Benjamin Leese; 168-03-2012; Class III). 6/1.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) (94)

One observed and photographed from the parking lot of Tom Ridge Environmental Education Center at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 24 May 2012. (Jerry McWilliams; 171-01-2012; Class I-P). 6/1.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) (42)

One was observed at Militia Hill Hawk Watch, *Montgomery*, on 11 September 2012. (Chris Dooley, Rich Conroy, Andy Fayer; 186-01-2012; Class III). 6/1.

One photographed at eye-level, migrating on Tuscarora Mountain, near Fannett, on the *Franklin/Huntingdon* border, on 17 October 2012. (Randy Flament; 186-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*) (4)

An individual at SGL 230 near Carlisle, *Cumberland*, on 23 November 2012. (Ramsey Koury; Tom Johnson (r), Malcolm Harter, Jackie Harter, et al.; Geoff Malosh (p); 538-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) (6)

An individual at Newville, *Cumberland* 4-5 January 2012. (Vern Gauthier et al.; 545-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N1.

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) (26)

An individual on Long Pond Trail at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 29 September 2012. (Shannon Thompson; Jerry McWilliams (p), Randy Stringer; 557-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) (13)

One found by Mark Vass at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 8 June 2012. (Mike Weible (p), Shawn Collins; Jerry McWilliams; 561-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N3.

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) (67)

One found perched on a sign at the entrance to Van Sant Airport, Yardley, *Bucks*, on 27 May 2012. (Mark Gallagher, 699-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.



Image 5. Loggerhead Shrike, Yardley, *Bucks* 27 May 2012. (Photo by Mark Gallagher)

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) (31)

Two at Northeast Water Treatment Plant near Richmond, *Philadelphia*, 17 November 2012. (Cameron Rutt (p) and Ramsay Koury; 576-04-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4. This site may have served as a collection point for Cave Swallows in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, as up to 9 Cave Swallows were reported here the next day by Matt Sharp.

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) (7)

An individual at Reading Area Community College, *Berks*, on 4 October 2012. (Michael Slater, Chuck Chalfont, Jerrod Derr, M. Wlasniewski, M. Spence, J. Eckert, et al.; Michael Slater; 646-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) (18)

One appeared during "Big Sit" count at Allegheny Front Hawk Watch, *Somerset*, on 13 October 2017. (Josh Lefever, Ian Gardner, Tim Anderson, Janet Kuehl, et al.; Alex Lamoreaux; 650-01-2012; Class III). 7/0. This bird was photographed, but the photos were judged to be less than diagnostic; however, the report was supported by a written description and accepted.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) (26)

An adult male was briefly spotted along Tanger Road, Boiling Springs, *Cumberland*, on 4 November 2012 at 9:45 am. (Vern Gauthier et al.; 666-01-2012; Class III). 7/0.

Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*) (1)

One adult male of the Texas-type population/plumage was photographed at the backyard feeder of Dale Gearhart in Shady Grove, near Greencastle, *Franklin*, present for only a few hours in the afternoon and evening of 9 April 2012. (Dale Gearhart, Carl Garner, Robert & Marion Carmack, Bill Oyler, Eric Martin, Bob Keener; 889-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

LeConte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*) (17)

One long-staying individual was at Waterloo Mills Preserve, *Devon, Chester*, on 27 November 2012. (Kevin Fryberger, 829-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N4.

"Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) (15)

One juvenile was photographed in a suburban backyard setting in Blooming Glen, *Bucks*, on 27 November 2012. (Cameron Rutt, Regina and Robert Rutt; 838a-01-2012; Class I-P). 6/0.

Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) (26)

One in a backyard in Howard, *Centre*, on 16 April 2012, and subsequently observed by over 30 people at the site until 21 April. Then it disappeared for several days until observed last on 2 May 2012. (Robert Snyder; 839-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N2.

"Oregon" Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis oregonus*) (21)

One male was photographed at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 25 March 2012, by Michele Rundquist-Franz; 840a-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Chronologically last but not least for 2012, one hatch-year female was photographed in a backyard setting in State College, *Centre*, on 31 December 2012. This bird was only observed during extreme winter weather and reappeared in 2013: 26-28 January, 16-19 March, and 3-4 April. (Nick Bolgiano; 840a-02-2012; Class I-P). 6/1.

Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) (48)

One adult male was photographed feeding with a group of Brown-headed Cowbirds, under a feeder at a home on Worthington Mill Road, Wrightstown, *Bucks*, on 19 December 2012. (Pat Fenstermacher; 859-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) (15)

One adult male at a feeder in Gilbertsville, *Montgomery*, from 29 January to 7 April 2012. (Mary Ache, Howard Eskin; 874a-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N1.

A female was photographed visiting a feeder at Decorum, *Huntingdon*, from 20 February to 7 March 2012. (Jim Hamilton, Drew Weber, Greg Grove, Alex Lamoreaux et al.; 874a-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N1.



Image 6. Lesser Goldfinch, Shady Grove, *Franklin*, 9 April 2012. (Photo by Dale Gearhart)

Kirtland's Warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*) (12)

Adult male in *Erie, Erie*, on 22 May 2012. (Found by Mike Weible, submitted by Jerry McWilliams, Shawn Collins (p); 746-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N2.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnithlypis swainsonii*) (21)

One recorded singing along Linn Run Road, *Westmoreland*, on 22 May 2012. (Mike Lanzone(r); 756-01-2012; Class I-R). 7/0.

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) (74)

One male at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, on 13 May 2012. (Shawn Collins; 780-01-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One at Spring Hill Acres development near Mount Gretna, *Lebanon*, on 4 July 2012; subsequently observed by others for several days and reported to be carrying food by Tim Becker. (Jonathan Heller, Alex Lamoreaux (p); 780-02-2012; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V26:N3.

One male was photographed and recorded in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, *Allegheny*, from 6 May 2012 to 1 June 2012. (Mike Fialkovich, Hiro Fukuda (p,r); 780-04-2012; Class I-P). 7/0.

One male was recorded at Pennypack Trust, *Montgomery*, on 6 May 2012. (Paul Driver, 780-05-2012; Class I-R). 7/0.

RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED, identification not established.

(Votes are listed as for/against. A vote of 6/1 or 7/0 is required for acceptance).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*)

One in Levittown, *Bucks*, 13 August 2012. Class IV-B; 494-01-2012. 0/7. The committee felt the lack of details and brief observation did not conclusively rule out Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

One at Middle Creek WMA, *Lancaster*, 2 June 2012. Class IV; 235-01-2012. 2/5. This was a heard only record. A recording is necessary for acceptance to eliminate other rails.

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) Seven at Marsh Creek SP, *Chester* 30 October 2012. Class IV; 331-09-2012. 1/6. Description did

not include details regarding the back or bill to distinguish from Red-necked Phalarope.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)

One light-morph adult observed flying downstream on the Susquehanna River, *Dauphin*, from West Fairview boat launch (*Cumberland*) 30 October 2012. Class III; 333-06-2012. 4/3. This submission went through two rounds of voting. The other species of jaegers were not conclusively eliminated based on the description submitted.

Shearwater sp.

One at Lake Minsi, *Northampton* 30 October 2012. Class IV; 035a-01-2012. 0/7. Viewing conditions were less than ideal given the weather at the time of the observation and the bird was flying high over the location, adding difficulty in identification that the observer candidly admitted in the submission.

Wilson's Storm Petrel (*Oceanodroma oceanicus*)

One at Leesport Lake, *Berks*, 30 October 2012. Class IV; 046-02-2012. 3/4. The description lacked sufficient details in plumage characteristics for the committee to unanimously agree on the identification.

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)

One at Toftrees, *Centre*, 8 August 2012. Class IV-B; 780-03-2012. 0/7. Some committee members felt the identification was probably correct but there were not enough details in the description such as bill structure and overall color of the bird to allow a definitive conclusion.

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)

One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie* 24 September 2012. Class IV; 788-01-2012. 3/4. Some members of the committee felt the description was well-written; however, it lacked some diagnostic details and given the difficulty in separating grosbeaks along with the short duration of the encounter, the committee felt the identification was not conclusive.

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**2013 Records
Mike Fialkovich for the Committee**

This report covers submissions for 2013 and includes 47 records of 27 species. The 47 accepted records represented a 96% acceptance rate. Reports were received from 17 counties.

Highlights include the first state records of Bahama Woodstar, Tropical Kingbird and Shiny Cowbird bringing the state total to 435. Other notable records include the second record of Black-chinned Hummingbird, the sixth Brown Pelican, the second MacGillivray's Warbler, three Eurasian Green-winged Teal, and a Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler.

The Committee

Committee Membership in 2013 included Drew Weber (Chair), Jan Getgood (non-voting secretary), Dave DeReamus, Devich Farbotnik, Mike Fialkovich, Mike Lanzone, Andy McGann, and Cameron Rutt.

2013 Accepted Records

Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) (16)

One at Newton, *Bucks*, 1 January 2013 (Philip Stollsteimer, Judy Hayman, Barbara Stollsteimer; 108-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0.

One at Fogelsville Quarry, *Lehigh*, 5 January 2013 (Frank Dickman, Rick Wiltraut, Jeff Hopkins, Bill Etter, Matt Loyko, Mike Schall; 108-02-2013; Class I-P). 6/0.

One at Lake Muhlenberg, *Lehigh*, 7 January 2013 (Tom Johnson (p), Peter G. Saenger, Dr. Daniel Klem, Jr., Scott Burnet; 108-03-2013; Class

I-P). 6/0. Photo published in PB V27:N1. According to the Lehigh County report in *Pennsylvania Birds* this was a different individual than described in the preceding *Lehigh* report.

Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) (35)

One at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks* 10 January 2013 (Tom Johnson (p)(v); 115-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0. Two appeared in New Jersey the same day as this individual, indicating birds were moving through the region.

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) (*Anas crecca crecca*) (33)

One in Newtown Twp., *Bucks*, 17 January 2012 (Mark Gallagher, 119a-01-2012; Class III). 7/0.

One at a waste water treatment pond in Upper Uwchland Twp., *Chester* 10 February 2013 (Holly Merker (p), Jeff Davis (p); 119a-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0.

One at Newtown Twp., *Bucks* 21 March 2013 (Mark Gallagher (p), Henry D'Alessandro; 119a-02-2013; Class I-P). 7/0.

The European race is nearly annual in southeastern Pennsylvania and is important to track because it is a potential split from the American race. Documentation of occurrence adds to our knowledge of distribution and migration patterns of the European race of this species. A photo of the Feb. 10 bird was published in PB V27:N1.

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) (27)

One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 5 December 2013 (Jerry McWilliams, Jimmy Marz (p); 149-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0.

Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) (85)

One in transitional plumage with Horned Grebes at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks*, 17 April 2013 (August Mirabella (p); 009-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0; Class I-P). 6/0.

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) (7)

One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 21-26 June 2013 (Jerry McWilliams (p), Mike Fialkovich (p); 010-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0. Photo published in PB V27:N3.

Bahama Woodstar (*Calliphlox evelynae*) (1)

An adult male in Denver, *Lancaster* 20-22 April 2013 (Witmer family, Shirley Hamilton, Michael Burkholder (p); banded 22 April by Sandy Lockerman; 491-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Initially thought to be a hybrid, it was subsequently identified as a Bahama Woodstar, an extraordinary first record for Pennsylvania and only the fourth for the ABA Area. Extensive photos and measurements were taken and details submitted and summarized in an article in PB V27:N2.

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*) (2)

An adult male banded at Greencastle, *Franklin* 1-25 November 2013 (banded 13 November by Sandy Lockerman; Gary Lockerman, Geoff Malosh (p), Dale and Helen Gearhart, et al.; 489-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Banded, extensively photographed and documented initially by the Lockermans, details were exceptional regarding this individual. Photo published in PB V27:N4.

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) (11)

One observed and heard in a wet grassy area between Reading and Knauers, *Berks* 20 May 2013 (Kathy Grim, Matt Wlasniewski (r), Ken Lebo (r), Joan Silagy, Rudy Keller, Joanne Kintner, Mike Slater, Peter Wolfe, Jane Wolfe, Ryan Fick, Jim Eckert; 232-01-2013; Class I-R). 6/0. First heard calling 20 May 2013 and recorded 23 May 2013. Many heard the bird which remained concealed by vegetation. It was seen briefly by a single observer as it dashed across a small open area and continued to be heard to 8 June.

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) (25)

One at John Heinz NWR, *Philadelphia* 29 May 2013 (Todd Fellenbaum (p), Marty Dellwo, Patty Rehn, Frank Windfelder; 235-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. This individual was spotted feeding on an open mudflat and also heard calling on occasion. Photo published in PB V27:N2.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) (14)

One at Christman's Pond, *Shartlesville, Berks* 19-21 July 2013 (Ken Lebo (p), Matt Wlasniewski (p), Kerry Grim, Matt Spence, Joan Silagy, Rudy Keller, Toni Wlasniewski; 268-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. A weekly check of this pond was rewarded with this rarity. Photo published in PB V27:N3.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) (25)

One at Gull Point at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 15 May 2013 (Jason Fidorra, Julie Dell, Jerry McWilliams (p); 261-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0. The bird had bands on both legs.

One at Gull Point at Presque Isle SP, *Erie* 30 May 2013 (Mary Birdsong (p); 261-02-2013; Class I-P). 6/0.

One at Gull Point at Presque Isle SP, *Erie* 10 June 2013 (Mary Birdsong (p); 261-03-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V27:N3.

Perhaps the same bird on both dates; neither bird was banded. Access restrictions during the breeding season as well as habitat improvements at Gull Point have increased the presence of this species which is becoming annual at the site.

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) (63)

One in Williamsport, *Lycoming*, 11 May 2013 (Nathan Fronk (p), Drew Weber, Tim Schreckengost; 331-01-013; Class I-P). 7/0.

One at State Game Lands 236, *Susquehanna*, 5 May 2013 (Sherry Sparks (p); 331-02-2013; Class I-P). 7/0 Photo published in PB V27:N2.

One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 28 October 2013, (Jerry McWilliams, Roger Donn; 331-03-2013, Class III). 6/0.

Jaeger sp. (*Stercorarius* sp.)

Two flew past Sunset Point, Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 19 November 2013 (Jerry McWilliams; 332a-01-2013; Class III). 6/1. Two light morph jaegers were observed in flight but due to distance, identification to species was not definitive. The observer submitted the observation conservatively as Pomarine/Parasitic Jaeger.

Image 1. Parasitic Jaeger, Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 2 December 2013. (Photo by Sam Stull)



Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) (33)

Two light morphs flew past Sunset Point, Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 28 October 2013 (Jerry McWilliams, 333-01-2013; Class III). 7/0.

One immature light morph flew past Sunset Point, Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 11 November 2013 (Jerry McWilliams, 333-02-2013; Class III). 7/0.

One light morph flew past Sunset Point, Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 19 November 2013 (Jerry McWilliams, 333-03-2013; Class III). 6/0.

One photographed at Gull Point, Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 2 December 2013 (Sam Stull (p), 333-04-2013; Class I-P). 6/0.

Gull Point is one of the most reliable locations for jaegers. Many are seen annually during Jerry McWilliams' nearly daily fall waterbird count. Jerry has extensive experience identifying jaegers as they pass by the watch site. The last record was documented with excellent photographs that even showed the pointed central retrices (and ironically not photographed by Jerry!).

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) (18)

A first cycle bird at Presque Isle SP, *Erie* 24 March 2013 (Mike Weible, Geoff Malosh (p); 357-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0. Seen and photographed well during an amazing concentration of gulls at the park.

A first cycle bird flew by Sunset Point at Presque Isle SP, *Erie* 7 November 2013 (Jerry McWilliams (p); 357-02-2013; Class III). 7/0. Another bird at Presque Isle, this time in the fall. Photos were a bit distant but identifiable, however the written description provided the fine details necessary for acceptance so it's listed as Class III.

A first cycle bird flew by Sunset Point at Presque Isle SP, *Erie* 19 November 2013 (Jerry McWilliams (p); 357-04-2013; Class I-P). 7/0.

A first cycle bird at the foot of East Avenue in Erie, *Erie* 27 November 2013 (Bob Grubbs (p); 357-05-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Yet another first cycle beautifully photographed in *Erie* during an exceptional year for this species.



Image 2. Black-legged Kittiwake, East Avenue, Erie, *Erie* 27 November 2013. (Photo by Bob Grubbs)

Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) (54)

One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie* 16 March 2013 (Mike Weible, Jerry McWilliams (p); 340-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Photographs in flight show the dark underwing pattern nicely.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) (12)

One on the Susquehanna River at the Lower Marietta Public Boat Launch, *Lancaster*, 23 April 2013 (J. Eric Witmer; 002a-01-2013; Class III). 6/0.

One at Memorial Lake SP, *Lebanon*, 11 May 2013 (Jonathan Heller, Jarod Derr, Dave McNaughton, Chris Bortz, Tim Becker, et al.; 002a-02-2013; Class I). 6/0. Photo published in PB V27:N2.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) (38)

A female flew southwest over Stone Mt. Hawkwatch, *Huntingdon* 3 November 2013 (Nick Bolgiano, David Kyler; 074-01-2013; Class III). 7/0. One was observed at this site two years prior. This species is most often seen during migration at hawk watches and by being in the right place at the right time.

Brown Pelican (*Pelicanus occidentalis*) (6)

One observed in flight over Roslyn, *Montgomery* 22 September 2013 (Susan Sullivan; 067-021-2013; Class III). 7/0. One of the few records for the state, it falls within the peak timeframe for this species in the mid-Atlantic region.

Cattle Egret (*Bulbulcus ibis*) (130)

One at a pond in Lower Nazareth Twp., *Northampton* 1 May 2013 (Bill Etter (p); 089-01-2013; Class I-P). 6/0.

One in Falls Twp., *Bucks*, 3 November 2013 (August Mirabella, Devich Farbotnik (p); 089-02-2013; Class I). 6/0.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) (30)

One observed from the North Lookout at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, *Berks/Schuylkill* 28 April 2013 (Chong Puan, Joe Binder; 168-01-2013; Class III). 7/1.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) (102)

One near Oxford Valley Mall in Middletown Twp., *Bucks* 22 May 2013 (Gerard Dewaghe, Christine Dewaghe; 171-01-2013; Class III). 7/0.

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) (18)One at Presque Isle SP, *Erie*, 14 April 2013 (Jerry McWilliams (p), Drew Mortensen; 542-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V27:N2.

One in Whitehall Twp., *Lehigh*, 18 November 2013 (Lance Leonhardt (p); 542-02-2013; Class I-P). 7/0.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) (1)

One at Philadelphia Gray's Ferry Crescent Trail, *Philadelphia*, 20 June 2013 (George Armistead (p), Tony Crossdale, Debbie Beer, Patty Rehn, Kate Atkins, Tom Magarian, Alex Zorach (p); 563-01-2013; Class III). 7/0. Detailed photographs and comments submitted including a description of the calls clinched the identification of this first record. A photo of this bird was published on the cover of PB V27:N3.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) (17)

One at Bartram's Garden, *Philadelphia*, 16 November 2013 (David Allen (p), George Armistead (p) (v), Tony Crossdale, Todd Fellenbaum, Frank Winfelder, et al.; 561-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo and article published in PB V27:N4.

Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) (35)

One at Trachsville, *Carbon*, 1 January 2013 (Richard Rehrig (p)(v), Barbara Rehrig, Dustin Welch (p), Corey Husic (p); 839-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V27:N1.

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) (1)

One visited a feeder in *Adams*, 2 June 2013 (Linette Mansberger (p); 865-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Photo published in PB V27:N3.

MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*) (2)

A first fall bird at Highspire Reservoir Park, *Dauphin*, 11-28-2013 (Tom Johnson (r), Timothy Reichard (p); 763-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. The bird was discovered 22 November and remained to mid-December. It spent its time in the thick brush along a heavily used walking trail, seemingly unbothered by people passing by. It was observed, recorded and photographed by numerous observers. A photo of the bird was published on the cover of PB V27:N4.

Audubon's Warbler (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*) (6)

One at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks*, 2 January 2013 (August Mirabella, Ian Baldock, Devich Farbotnik (p); 736a-01-2013; Class I-P). 7/0. Photographs showed the diagnostic bright yellow throat.

RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED, identification not established.

(Votes are listed as for/against. A vote of 6/1 or 7/0 is required for acceptance).

Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris*)

One found dead in Chambersburg, *Franklin* 4-17-2013. Class IV-B; 234-01-2013. 0/7 The committee was unanimous that the identification was correct, however details regarding the specimen were not available leaving the committee with questions regarding its origin.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)

One near Ft. Washington SP, *Montgomery*, 11 May 2013. Class IV-A; 168-02-2013; 3/4. The committee felt there was not enough detail in the description and after two rounds of voting, decided there was a lack of sufficient evidence for acceptance.

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