































































## Efforts to save second rare sea bird unsuccessful

Another sea bird wound up in Meyersdale as the result of Hurricane Fran.

Linda Lee, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, and Dr. Wayne Miller, veterinarian, nursed a black-capped petrel, native to the Bahamas, back to health over the weekend. It was found Saturday near Meyersdale. It flew away before Lee could send it to a bird sanctuary in Delaware.

Another black-capped petrel was also found Saturday, Lee said, but she wasn't notified until Tuesday.

The bird was severely dehydrated by the time Lee and Dr. Miller got it. Despite efforts to revive it, Lee said the bird died Tuesday afternoon of starvation.

This bird was bigger than the first, with a wing span of 37 inches and was 15 inches long. It weighed 220 grams.

Scott,  
John Tilley told me  
the 2nd bird was found  
somewhere near Mt. Davis.

Tony  
Morich

## Rare sea bird finds haven in Meyersdale from storm

MEYERSDALE — While some residents of Meyersdale were recovering from Friday's flooding, its licensed wildlife rehabilitator and veterinarian were treating another victim of Hurricane Fran here.

Linda Lee and Dr. Wayne Miller spent the weekend taking care of a black capped petrel which was found on Route 160 near Meyersdale. The petrel, a sea bird, is a rare bird usually found in the Bahamas, Dr. Miller said. The bird had a wing span of 35 inches, is 13 inches long and weighed a little more

than a pound, he said.

The birds nest by burrowing under the ground and were hunted by the early inhabitants of the island, both Miller and Lee said. The bird has pink legs, black webbed feet and a black beak.

"Boy can it bite!" said Lee.

The pair tub-fed the bird Ensure and notified Tri State Bird Rescue in Delaware, which is interested in recovering the bird. But the bird flew away and hasn't been found.

"They said we gave it a good start," Lee said. "So I'm hoping it will be okay."



### Rare birds found in Meyersdale

Linda Lee, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, and veterinarian Dr. Wayne Miller, both of Meyersdale, nursed this black capped petrel, native to the Bahamas, back to health after it was found near Meyersdale. They believe the bird got caught up in Hurricane Fran. It flew away before Lee could send it to a bird sanctuary in Delaware. Another black capped petrel also found was severely dehydrated by the time Lee and Dr. Miller got it and died. The birds had wing spans of 35-37 inches and were 13-15 inches long, weighing at just over a pound.

Somerset, N.H. Daily American Pg. 8 Sept 17, 1996



## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Black-capped Petrel (*Pterodroma hasitata*)

Date of Sighting: 8 September 1996 to 8 September 1996

Location: MEYERSDALE

County: SOMERSET

Observer(s): Wayne Miller

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Anthony Marich Jr.

Written Description: NO

Photo: YES

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
N. Pulcinella	X							
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
S. Feldstein	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. Haas

Date:

8-16-97