









NOTES ON THE LEACH'S STORM-PETREL (Oceanodroma leucorhoa) SPECIMEN AT THE READING PUBLIC MUSEUM

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A re-examination of the Leach's Storm-petrel specimen (RPM 1131) at the Reading Public Museum showed the following.

- 1. The rump has a distinct dark longitudinal center, giving it a split appearance.
- 2. The tail is noticeable forked.
- 3. The tail measures 80 mm.

Discussion: No other all dark, white-rumped storm-petrel has a deeply forked tail. No other all dark, white-rumped storm-petrel has a longitudinally split white rump. The nearest lookalike, the Band-rumped Storm-petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*), has only a slightly notched tail, and the tail measurement never exceeds 75 mm.

I conclude that the specimen was correctly identified and labelled.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Leach's Storm-Petrel (Oceanodroma leucorhoa)

Date of Sighting: 25 August 1933 to 25 August 1933

Location: READING County: BERKS

Observer(s): George McNeil

Date of Submission: 1933
Submitted by: Frank Haas

Written Description: YES Ph

Photo: YES Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			
Member					A	В	С	Abstain
F. Haas	X					·		
N. Pulcinella	\times							
E. Kwater	\times							
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
J. Skinner	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): J. C. Haac

Date: 2-23-94