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Observer's Address	Street Address: 129 W. Lancaster Ave. #2 City: Downingtown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19335 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Jeffery Davis
Species (Common Name)	Leach's Storm-Petrel
Species (Scientific Name)	Oceanodroma leucorhoa
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 1:33 PM
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Pleasant Hill Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.040684,-74.992173
Habitat	Delaware River
Distance to bird	25 yards when closest
Viewing conditions	Good, although very overcast. The bird appeared during a lull in the rain.
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Victory FL 10 x 42 binoculars and Kowa TSN 4 scope
Description	Dark, white-rumped bird flying low over the water. Long, pointed wings, moderately forked tail. Light brown carpal bar was paler than the rest of the body and wings. White rump patch bisected by thin, dark stripe.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	The bird was flying down river. Its flight was strong and purposeful. I did not observe any "pattering."

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The only other similar species I have observed is Wilson's Storm-Petrel. This bird was longer-winged with a forked tail and differently shaped rump patch, as described above. Its flight style was markedly different. Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, another very similar species (although one which I have not personally observed) should have a less forked tail and a thick U-shaped white rump patch.

Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

This bird was seen during Hurricane Sandy. Many other Leach's Storm-Petrels were reported on the Delaware River and elsewhere in Pennsylvania on the same day.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes. I had a very good look at this bird and was able to eliminate similar species.

During

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After

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

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