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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Leach's Storm-Petrel
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Oceanodroma leucorhea
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 10:30 AM
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Bristol Borough
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Delaware River opp. Radcliffe and Monroe Streets
<b>Habitat</b>	Delaware River
<b>Distance to bird</b>	300-400 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Cloudy - Dry
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarosvki 8.5x42 Binoculars
<b>Description</b>	<p>Small dark bird with obvious white rump and forked tailed seen flying with deep wingbeats while harrassed by a Herring Gull, at other time seen resting on the water and drifting upstream with the tide/wind.</p> <p>Bird was photographed and identified from the photos when the white rump and forked tailed configuration became obvious</p>
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	<p>When flying, bouncy and erratic flight lasting less than one minute (to escape gull's interest.</p> <p>Seen sitting on water most of the time</p>
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated</b>	Bird classified as a Storm-petrel from general appearance

**others)**

Three "white rumped" species were considered:  
Wilson's Storm-petrel discounted: no feet projection beyond tail, extensive white rump not present.  
Band-rumped Storm-petrel discounted: Squarish white rump not present  
Leach's Storm-petrel: Displayed deep wingbeats typical of this species Consecutive photos 3 and 4.  
Forked tail present, Vee shaped white rump patch but lacking extensive dark median streak on upper tail covers (see photos 1 and 2)

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

Yeas

**After**

Sibley's Guide to birds

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**

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