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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 17 N. Grandview Ave. City: Birdsboro State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19508 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Mike Slater, Steve Fordyce, Harold Lebo, Ken Hass and a few others
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Leach's Storm-petrel
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Oceanodroma leucorhoa
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	
<b>Number of individuals</b>	2
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 10:00 AM
<b>County</b>	Berks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Leesport
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Lake Ontelaunee dam
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	
<b>Habitat</b>	lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	1/4 out in lake
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	misty to cloudy
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	leica telescope APO televid 77
<b>Description</b>	Small dark storm-petrel floating on the water. The bird was all dark with the wing tips and tail the same length. As it turned, sometimes they did not look the

same, but when we had a good side view, they were the same. Had a good look at it as it drifted close to the dam. Could even see the tube at the base of the upper bill. Some times we could see a little white on the rump as it was viewed from the side. The head shape was unique to storm-petrel with the flat top.

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

Floating on the water. It did not fly.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Having the wing tip the same length as the tail, seperate this from the other storm-petrels.

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

Looking through the Sibley guide, I don't see any other storm-petrels with the wing tip and tail the same length. Black Storm-petrel is close, but fortunately, were were able to see a little of the white rump to rule that out.

Several people took pictures of the one that was close to the dam. I did take one just before I left, but by then the storm-petrel was not as close as it was. I sent the picture to Drew Weber. He said he uploaded it to the ebird flicker account.

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

yes

**During**

Sibley, Peterson's, National Geographic

**After**

Sibley, Seabirds Harrison

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

Photograph

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