

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-12-19 10:09:10	
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Dan Brauning	
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 1920 Inverness Rd City: Montoursville State / Province: pA Postal / Zip Code: 17754 Country: United States	
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Dave Ferry, Steve Pinkerton, Norwood Fredericks	
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Leach's Storm-Petrel	
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Oceanodroma leucorhoa	
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1	
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes	
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 04:00 PM	
<b>County</b>	Lycoming	
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Gamble	
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Rose Valley Lake	41.387467,-76.989362
<b>Habitat</b>	lake	
<b>Distance to bird</b>	> 1000 ft	
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	light rain, pretty good	
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	10x Zeiss bins, 60x questar scope	
<b>Description</b>	<p>The following description was written up that evening, and I'm just now finally getting around to submitting this officially to PORC: Black (colored) storm-petrel, sitting on water, looked totally black on the water. Long wings protruded behind body, seemed to cross in back – gave appearance of forked tail. No white was visible on sides while perched in water – it looked totally black (see photo). Bill was noticeable – pretty long (less than width of head, but notable). It spent most of its time sitting on the water – no motion. At one point it lifted briefly from water while I had it in scope – and it presented a bold white rump patch visible, which seemed to be in two patches, but continued completely across rump. On the extended</p>	

wings, diagonal, brown (maybe a hint of reddish brown) stripes were evident on wings, very noticeable, diagonal across the wing. I didn't see shape of tail!  
Very lousy digiscope photos are available.

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

as described above. Except for that brief moment, the bird remained unmoving on the water.

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

The primary means was from the fact that we could see no white on the undertail area when the bird was sitting on the water. That eliminated other possible species.

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

Norwood Fredericks originally saw the bird, along with others (and Steve Pinkerton submitted the record to eBird, but I don't think any others submitted to PORC.

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

Yes - seasonal probability, and plumage.

**During**

Nat Geo 6th edition

**After**

same, and internet

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

Photograph

**Click to edit**

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# Pennsylvania Rare Bird Report Form

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Fill in all relevant fields and then click on the "Submit by Email" button at the end of the form to send it to the PORC Secretary. Or print the form and mail it to the PORC Secretary (see address below).

**NOTE:** The fields scroll down as you type to permit as much text as needed.  
The **RESET** button clears all of the fields if you wish to start over with a blank form.

Species (Common and Scientific Name): Leach's Storm -Petrel (Oceanodroma leucorhoa)

Subspecies, if known Hydrobatidae

Number of individuals Sex(es) 1

Age(s) and Plumage(s) (E.g. Immature; Adult in Breeding Plumage; Year for Gulls; Basic or Alternate If You Prefer Those Terms; State of Molt If Applicable):

Date and Time of Observation October 30, 2012 4:00pm

Location (City, Borough, Township) Williamsport, Gamble Township, Pa LYCOMING COUNTY

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) Rose Valley Lake 41.378595 - 76.981201

### Observer Reporting:

Name Steve Pinkerton

Address State Zip 1852 Log Run Road Williamsport, Pa 17701

E-mail (Optional) stevepinkerton@comcast.net

Phone (Optional) 570-494-1308

Other Observers (Only Those Who Saw and Identified the Bird with You): Daniel Brauning, Dave Ferry, Norwood Fredricks, Joe Yoder

Habitat (E.g. Mowed Field, Woodland Edge, Any other details) Rose Valley Lake is a 389-acre reservoir owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Fish and Boat Commission for public fishing

Distance to Bird (Specify feet, yards, etc.) 100 yards

Viewing Conditions (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Hurricane Sandy.. Heavy Rain ,over cast , High winds

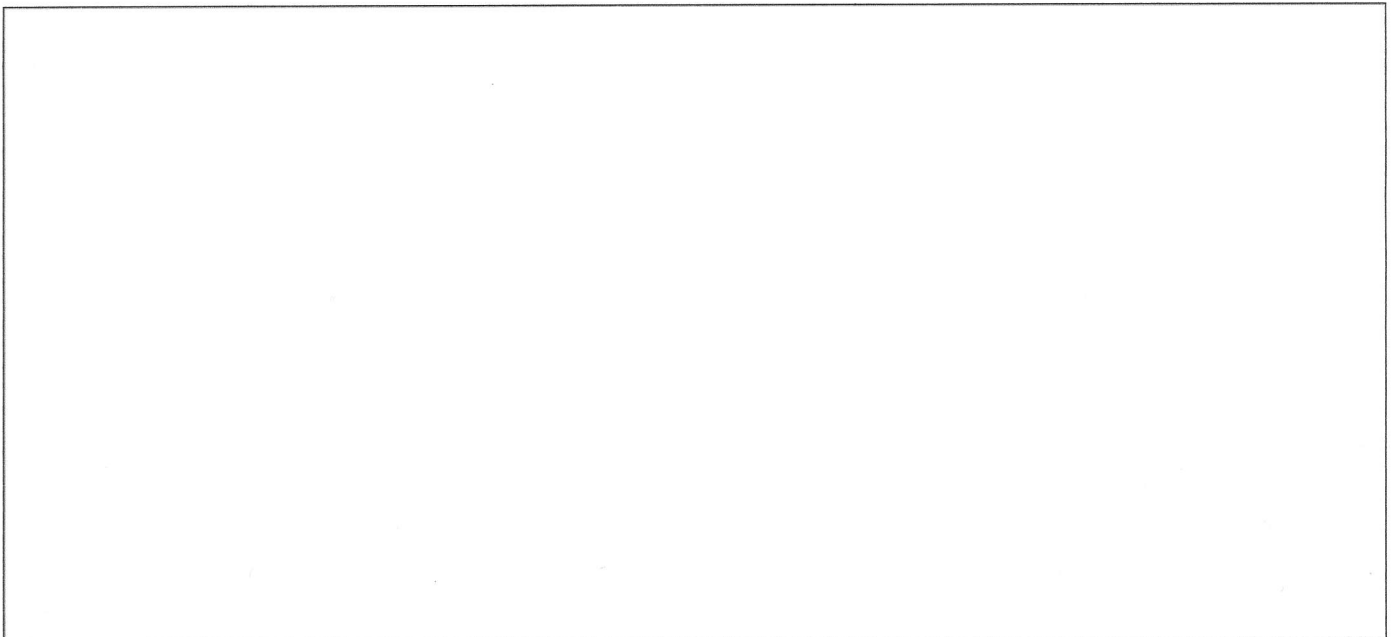
Optical Equipment Used Nikon spotting scope , kowa spotting scope,

Description (include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; “jizz”= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

Storm-Petrel, found by Norwood Fredericks in middle of Rose Valley Lake at about 4:00pm.

Black storm-petrel, sitting on water, looked totally black on the water. Long wings protruded behind body, seemed to cross in back - gave appearance of forked tail (but I'm pretty sure it was the wings we were seeing). No white was visible on sides while perched in water - it looked totally black. Bill was noticeable - pretty long (less than width of head, but notable). It spent most of its time sitting on the water - no motion. But, it lifted briefly from water while I had it in scope - and a bold white rump patch was visible, which seemed to go completely across rump. On the wings, horizontal, brown (maybe a hint of reddish brown) stripes were evident on wings, very noticeable, diagonal across the wing. I didn't see shape of tail! Very lousy digiscope photo is available.

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



Vocalizations

Supporting evidence if any: (Check all that apply)

Photograph       Video Recording       Audio Recording       Drawing

**Photographer/recorder/illustrator:**

Name

Address

City State Zip

E-mail (Optional)

Phone (Optional)

**Please send a copy of the photograph, drawing, or recording to:**

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee  
613 Howard Ave.  
West Chester, Pa 19380  
Nickpulcinella@verizon.net

**If this is a dead bird:**

General Condition

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

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

Previous experience with this and/or similar species

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

**References Consulted:**

During Observation

After Observation

Date of this Report:  (Click on the box and select date from calendar)

