

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
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Other observers who saw the bird	Thomas Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Cameron Rutt
Species (Common Name)	Leach's Storm-Petrel
Species (Scientific Name)	Oceanodroma leucorhoa
Subspecies (if known)	
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 12:05 PM
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Marcus Hook, Delaware County
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Market Square Memorial Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.8119316,-75.4107571
Habitat	river
Distance to bird	150 meters down to 25 meters at the closest
Viewing conditions	light rain & moderate wind
Optical equipment used	Leica 7x42 Ultravid, Canon EOS 7D camera w/ 400 f/5.6 lens
Description	This was a long-winged storm-petrel that we noticed because 2 Peregrine Falcons dove on it. It was clearly a Leach's, with a long, slender bill, blocky head, overall sooty gray-brown color, long white rump bisected by a dusky, dark line (running parallel to the long axis of the body), and an obviously forked tail. The white rump did not wrap around the body very much. The legs were short, and the bird was molting primaries.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the	It was fleeing the falcons with elaborate, bounding, swooping flight, often coming up 15-20 feet off the water. It was eventually blown to

bird was doing)	the shore next to us where the juvenile falcon caught it and killed it in midair.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Wing length, rump pattern, tail fork, flight style eliminate all other storm-petrels.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes. I have seen several thousand Leach's Storm-Petrels at sea and this bird was consistent with my prior experiences and observations.
During	None
After	None
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	_MG_8588.jpg _MG_8602.jpg
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