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Quoting Gerry Dewaghe <gdewaghe@comcast.net>:

- > Paul;
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- > Please find attached a few shots of a storm Petrel taken late
- > yesterday at Van Sciver Lake (Falls Twp. Bucks co).
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- > Devich Farbotnick found among other things a Storm Petrel late
- > Saturday after 7:00pm which at that time, he called a Wilson's SP.
- > despite lousy light and weather conditions.
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- > he and I checked the lake again Sunday Morning and could not
- > relocate the bird. Devich checked the lake again on Sunday afternoon
- > he and Jason Horn relocated the (a) bird (same bird ??). at that
- > time he called me and I managed to get there, see the bird and get
- > some lousy shots. The bird was sitting on the water about 1500 feet
- > from shore off the south side of Bordentown Road, was not doing
- > anything a flushed a couple of times when harrassed by Great black
- > backed gulls.
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- > shot 003 is the bird sitting on the water,
- > shot 010 is the bird in flight the first time it was flushed
- > shots 027 thru 35 is a complete 3 seconds long sequence of the bird
- > gliding and landing when it was flushed the second time.
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- > None of the shots I have show the rump area, but a video by Jason
- > Horn show white on the side of the rump, the extent of which is hard
- > to judge (not a Leach's SP).
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- > when flushed the bird appeared to be a deliberate flyer, not with
- > the stiff wings I tend to associate with Wilson's. Even though I
- > have seen Band-rumps, I do not feel confident enough to make a call.
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- > When I got home, I went to Sibleys and was surprised to see the
- > difference in the glide patterns between the Wilsons' and
- > Band-rumped, the later more accurately matched by the shots I took.
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- > Any thoughts in the matter??
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- > Gerry Dewaghe
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Nick,

I have been asking Devich for some time to see the video or grabs of the petrel from 9/2-9/3 at Penn-Warner Tract. No luck. Maybe he and Jason have sent it to you by now. I did get some pix attached from Gerry Dewaghe and the following E-mails. You can use this as you wish if you need it as part of the documentation. If Devich ever gives me anything better, I would send it to Patteson. Alan Brady saw a video grab from Devich and he thought the bill was more like Leach's but acknowledged that the pic was fuzzy.

Augie

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Attached is a series of shots that I forwarded to Paul Juris for feedback. His answer was non-committal based on my shots alone since the rump area is not shown. I would suspect that the bird is a Band-rumped Storm-petrel based on the glide pattern (see Sibley for more details). I have not seen the footage taken by Jason except a frame or two showing some rump area and can't recall how extensive the white area was. I will send you Paul's answer once I locate it, I have had some computer issues lately and everything I had is now scattered around.

Gerry

From Brian Patteson:  
August,

The bird is too long-winged for Wilson's. It could be Band-rumped, but I don't know how you can eliminate Leach's Storm-Petrel from consideration.

Brian Patteson  
From Paul Guris:  
Hi, Gerry.

Those are some tough pics. The wings look longish to me, but none of the poses show the shape very well. Both Band-rumped and Leach's have long wings with very strong angles in the carpal joint. The other things I'd want to note are overall color (tends to be more blackish than the other 2 species) and pale carpal bars (usually minimal in Band-rumped).

Flight style is a tricky thing. Note that this is only reasonable in normal conditions (not too windy) and in extended flight (not just moving from one spot to another).

Also note that the more white on the side of the rump, the more likely that the bird is a Wilson's than a Band-rumped. We've actually picked out Band-rumpeds sitting on the water with Wilson's by the smaller amount of white showing and the overall darker plumage.

Good luck with this bird. Hopefully Jason's video shows more detail.

-PAG

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## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Band-rumped Storm-petrel      *Oceanodroma castro*

Date of Sighting: 2 September 2006 to 3 September 2006

Location: VAN SCIVER LAKE

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): Devich Farbotnik, J. Horn, G. Dewaghe

Date of Submission: 2006

Submitted by: Devich Farbotnik, G. Dewaghe

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes

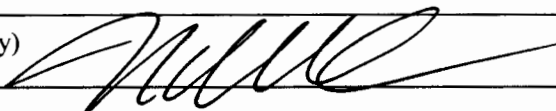
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut				X				
A. Guarente					X			
T. Johnson					X			
J. Stanley								
E. Witmer				X				
J. Heller					X			
G. Malosh					X			
TOTALS				2	4			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 0/6 accept as storm-petrel species

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/30/07