

Submission Date	2015-05-27 16:36:04
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 713 E 32nd St City: Erie State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 16504 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Mary Birdsong, Jerry McWilliams
Species (Common Name)	Wilson's Plover
Species (Scientific Name)	Charadrius wilsonia
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Either non-breeding or first year. Some black feathers developing in the breast band
Observation Date and Time	05-26-2015 10:50 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/edit/checklist?subID=S23654492">http://ebird.org/ebird/edit/checklist?subID=S23654492</a>
County	Erie
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Millcreek Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Presque Isle State Park, Gull Point
GPS coordinates of sighting	42.168430, -80.062675
Habitat	sand, beach
Distance to bird	10 feet
Viewing conditions	overcast, good visibility
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 10 x 42 binoculars, Zeiss 20-75 x 85 spotting scope
Description	plover with brown mantle, white undersides, single brown/black breast band, white in the throat and in the lores. large head with large black eyes. Long, tan-pink legs Large black bill.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird was foraging heavily with an active, running feeding style
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Semipalmated plovers also present. Wilsons' was larger, not as dark brown, had longer legs, no dark head band. Had much longer legs, darker

(browner) mantle and much larger solid black beak unlike SEPL or PIPL.

I was conducting shorebird monitoring at the time. I specifically search for piping plovers at Presque Isle and am very familiar with all plovers' appearances and attributes.

Yes. I had never seen a Wilson's before but as soon as I saw it, I knew it was not any plover I had seen. When I got a good look at the bill, I was convinced.

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The Shorebird Guide--for learning further info.

Photograph



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**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)**

**During**

**After**

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

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