



261-02-1993

PIPING PLOVER

Charadrius melodus

Location: Presque Isle State Park (Gull Point)

Date: September 4, 1993

Time: 4:45 PM to 5:00 PM

Weather: Mostly clear with some fractocumulus clouds, wind approx. 10 mph from the west-northwest. Temp. about 70 F

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

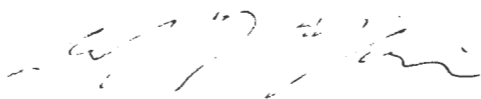
Optics: Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular and Kowa TSN 4 from 25X to 50X.

Viewing distance: no less than 200 feet

Details of sighting and description: I received a message from Don Snyder that he had seen a Piping Plover at Gull Point this morning while conducting the shorebird survey. I walked out to Gull Point after I got out of work and found the plover in region 2 of the shorebird survey area. The Piping Plover was standing near the Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*). The Semipalmated Plover did not seem to like the presence of the Piping Plover and were continually harassing it, but on one occasion I observed the Piping Plover chasing a Semipalmated Plover. I stayed at a distance that I believed would not disturb the bird and began taking several photographs through the scope.

The Piping Plover was about the same size as the Semipalmated Plover. The upperside including the top and side of the head was very pale gray, looking distinctly paler than the nearby Semipalmated Plover. The wing coverts and scapulars had pale edges to the feathers giving it a scaly look that indicated that the bird was a juvenile. There was a pale gray bar on the sides of the breast. The underside was entirely white. The jet black bill and eye were diagnostic against the relatively pale unmarked head. The legs were dull yellow.

I have seen several Piping Plovers of the inland race on Presque Isle, most have been adults.



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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Piping Plover (Charadrius melodus)**

Date of Sighting: **4 September 1993 to 5 September 1993**

Location: **PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK**

County: **ERIE**

Observer(s): **Jerry McWilliams; Rick Wiltraut**

Date of Submission: **1993**

Submitted by: **Jerry McWilliams; Rick Wiltraut**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **YES** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
N. Pulcinella	X							
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
J. Skinner	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

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