

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Piping Plover Charadrius melodus
Subspecies, if known

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) Not sure, but brightness may indicate ♂

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): Adult Breeding

DATE OF OBSERVATION 5/28/05 TIME 7:15 AM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) ERIE, PISP

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Gull Point

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name John Frank
Address 26 Race St
City Bradford State Pa ZIP 16701
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): N/A

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Gull point, sand spit + brushy shoreline on Lake Erie off Presque Isle

DISTANCE TO BIRD 100-150 yds (distance from observation platform to sand spit)

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) cloudy

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Kowa TSX2 Scope Leica 8x42 binoculars

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): Smaller than killdeer + Turnstone, larger than least sandpiper. The legs were very bright yellow orange and the bill was yellow w/ a black tip. The belly + breast were white with no complete breast band in front. The upper parts were pale gray. The face was very light with a lighter eyebrow/line, white above the bill with a thin dark black line across the forehead from eye to eye. It was very stocky looking - almost roundish in body and overall very light. The underwings were very light colored, just a little darker around tips of primary feathers (a light gray). Secondary feathers looked all white from below.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The bird came over the top of the spot when the gulls flew to the side. A Killdeer also seemed to chase it away - it flew once or twice - only about a yard and mostly just ran from the Killdeer

VOCALIZATIONS none heard.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

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) much stockier and lighter colored than a Sem. Palmetted plover, The area of the face around the eye was not dark at all - even on the cheeks. Underwings were also lighter. Leg coloration was not gray and bill was yellow w/ black tip unlike a snowy plover

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: I was actually hoping to see this species, but then found out it had been 2 weeks since the last one was sighted. The other birds observed had complete breast bands, this bird did not. Hopefully they will start breeding on Gulf Point again.

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I have seen piping plovers, snowy plovers + Sem. palmetted plovers before. However, I have only seen piping plovers 2 or 3 times

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES - All field marks were good, the sighting was 20-30 minutes and other species were eliminated.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation none

After observation Sibley

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 5/28/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER [Signature]

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Piping Plover (Charadrius melodus)

Date of Sighting: 28 May 2005 to 28 May 2005

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County : ERIE

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: John Fedak

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

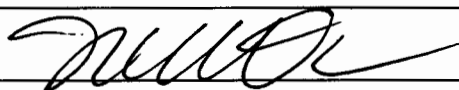
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
D. Heathcote Overholt			X					
P. Guris			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman Heller			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: ~~70~~ 710

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

6/14/05