

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-09-02 22:11:04
Observer's Name	Michael David
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Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	Patrick Lister
Species (Common Name)	Piping Plover
Species (Scientific Name)	Charadrius melodus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Nonbreeding
Observation Date and Time	09-03-2016 12:50 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S31396473
County	Mercer
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Sharpsville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Shenango Reservoir, West River Road
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.28335,-80.34284
Habitat	mudflats
Description	Small plover, similar in size and structure to Semipalmated Plover. Short stubby bill all black. Pale sandy brown above, including back, partial ring around neck (broken in front), crown and auriculars. White supercilium, front of face, throat, collar around neck, and underparts. Bright orange legs.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	walking around and feeding on mudflats
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Semipalmated Plover eliminated by paler brown color overall, which also resulted in lower contrast on face. Many Semipalmated Plovers were present to aid comparison, and the Piping Plover was noticeably different from a considerable distance. Rarer Snowy and Wilson's Plover eliminated by leg color and bill shape and size among other differences.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

My photos were so bad I think I discarded them. Photos available on 2 other ebird checklists:

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S31397788>

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S31557230>

The bird was also banded.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, conclusive photos were taken and similar species ruled out

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