

8 June 1994

Ernest Schiefer
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Reading, PA 19607

Dear Ernest,

Thank you for sending documentation to P.O.R.C. on the Black-legged Kittiwake at Blue Marsh Lake on 12 November 1991. After careful review we regret that we cannot accept this record. Much of your description was excellent, although it did not mention details of the wing pattern which we considered crucial to the acceptance of such a rare species in Pennsylvania. This does not of course mean that bird was not a Black-legged Kittiwake. In fact, the record received five positive records out of seven (six are needed for acceptance). If there are any more details available on this bird, please feel free to resubmit the record.

We hope you are encouraged to document and submit details on any rare birds you find in the future.

Sincerely,

Ed Kwater
Chairman

Record # 357-03-1991

PORE

357-03-1991

at Blue Marsh

11/12/91
Berkas

I was checking out the gulls at the swimming area. While checking the gulls far out in the lake with a 22 power spotting scope, I spotted two that looked different from the other gulls, which were mostly ring-billed gulls. The gulls were taking off, a few at a time and flying into the beach. I was lucky to be looking at the two odd gulls when they decided to come into the beach. I could follow them in with the spotting scope. The first thing I noticed was the black band on the white, slightly forked tail, and the black half-collar on the neck. I also noticed the black spot behind the eye and the black bill. There was no white at the end of the wing tips. I did not see the legs as they were flying. When they landed my view was obstructed by the concession stand. Before I could get an unobstructed view, someone walking his dog caused all the gulls to fly. I could no longer find the two first winter Black-legged Kittiwakes.

I checked the gulls again on Nov 20 but did not find the two Kittiwakes. I did, however, see a 1st yr House Wren along Josta Road at Blue Marsh.

Ernest Schiefer

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

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Observer(s): **Ernest Schiefer**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Ernest Schiefer**

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B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
R. Ickes			X				
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
J. Skinner				X			
TOTALS			5	2			
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Date:

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

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DECISION							

Comments: *Send for Second Round*

Signature (Secretary):

Bm Haas

Date:

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