

Black-legged Kittiwake 357-01 -1996

On Sat. November 30, 1996 at noon. I observed an imm. Black-legged Kittiwake on the Conejohela Flats, Washington Boro, Lancaster County, PA. It was observed flying downriver on the Lancaster County side of "Avocet Point" about 10-25 ft above the Susquehanna River. The bird at the beginning of the observation was seen near a Ring-billed Gull. The Kittiwake was slightly smaller in build and wingspan. The underparts were white. From above, the outer primaries were black and at the wrist the black continued on the inner wing toward the lower back. The rest of the wing was light gray with the trailing edge of the wing white. This combination formed a dark M or W on the wing. The back was light gray. Across the nape there was a distinct black bar. The tail was white and short, slightly forked with a dark terminal band. The head was white with a small dark spot behind a dark eye. The bill was small and black. The legs and feet were also black. Observations were made with Leica 10x42 binoculars in overcast conditions with firm footing. If accepted this would be a first twentieth century record of Black-legged Kittiwake in Lancaster County.

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The following day Dec 1, 1996
an imm Bl. Legged Kittiwake
was observed @ Conowingo Dam
by Gene Scarpola & Les Eastman
(About 30 miles downriver)

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)

Date of Sighting: 30 November 1996 to 30 November 1996

Location: WASHINGTON BORO - CONEJOHELA FLATS

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Eric Witmer

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Eric Witmer

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

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					
S. Feldstein			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *F. C Haas*

Date: *8-16-97*