

357-01-1997

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Re: #357-01-1997 Black-legged Kittiwake, 4 September 1997,
Fly Ash Basin, Washingtonville, Montour
Co., PA

1130 hours, sky partly cloudy, breezy, 60's; small gull-like bird observed flying north/south and back over basin; appears to have dark bill, partial dark collar, dark primaries extending along front edge of wings forming a "W" while in flight; tail has a dark band; observed for approximately 20 minutes with 7X42 Leitz binoculars in very good light at a distance of 100-300 yards. I thought the bird to be a possible 1st Winter Black-legged Kittiwake. I went to the Montour Preserve where I borrowed a Kowa TSN-2 spotting scope with 20X60 eyepiece. I returned to the basin and again found the bird flying back and forth over the basin; again I noted the same field marks, but with aid of the scope I noticed the black eye, black bill and black spot behind the eye. I observed the bird with the scope for another 30 minutes in very good light. I distinguished the bird from a young Bonaparte's Gull by the dark partial-collar and larger size.

Reference: National Geographic Society, Field Guide to the
Birds of North America, Second Edition. 1987

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

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

Date of Sighting: 4 September 1997 to 4 September 1997

Location: FLY ASH BASIN WASHINGTONVILLE

County: MONTOUR

Observer(s): Wes Egli

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Wes Egli

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

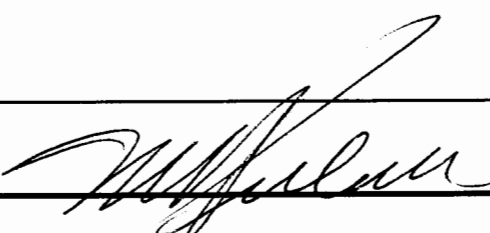
Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
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F. Haas			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
K. Parkes								X
R. Ickes			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. McWilliams				X				
T. Floyd			X					
TOTALS			5	1				1
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

6/26/00