

RARE SPECIES REPORT

357-03-1997

SPECIES: <u>Black-legged Kittiwake Imm.</u>		NUMBER SEEN: <u>1</u>
SIGHTING DATE: <u>8 Nov. 1997</u>		SIGHTING TIME: <u>4:50 pm</u>
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: <u>Lancaster Co. Penna</u> DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: <u>Peach Bottom Village, on the Susquehanna River</u> DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: <u>The Susquehanna River is apx. 1 mile across at this point</u>		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: <u>Rainy, low clouds</u> DISTANCE: <u>200 Yards</u> EQUIP. USED: <u>15x45 Bushnell</u> LENGTH OF SIGHTING: <u>2 minutes max.</u>	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: <u>not heard</u> SIZE: <u>Slightly larger than a Bonaparte's Gull</u> PLUMAGE: <u>Black half collar on the nape, Black "M" on wings, Black band at end of white tail, Grey back, light grey primaries and secondaries, white head with a dark spot behind the eye.</u> ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): <u>medium length (1 1/2") Black bill, legs not seen</u> BEHAVIOR: <u>This bird was flying fast up river with apx. 25 Bonaparte's Gulls. Then it suddenly flared up and banked, showing us its field marks. Then it flew up river to roost on the water with thousands of gulls.</u>	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>I have seen thousands of Black-legged Kittiwakes, mostly in Alaska.</u>		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>A 1st winter Sabine's Gull lacks dark "M" on back and is as small as a Bonaparte's Gull. Both 1st winter Bonaparte's and Common Black-headed Gull have dark edges on flight feathers.</u>		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <u>no</u> IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? <u>I hope Bob Scholsky. He found the bird.</u>		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space):		
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On 8 Nov. 1997 I received a call that Bob Schütsky had found a imm. Black-legged Kittiwake. He found it at apx. 8am with Bonaparte's Gulls on the Susquehanna River across from Peach Bottom Village.

By 2pm I was birding with Bob at the river. The later it became, more gulls were flying north to roost on the river. Most birds were flying low on the river.

We had a misty rain, low clouds, and a slight east wind.

At 4:50 pm. 2 flocks of Bonaparte's Gulls came into view. They had apx. 25 gulls in each flock and they were flying low and fast. Bob got on one flock, and me on the other. I saw the 3rd to last bird was bigger than the rest. When I could finally make out the "511" and black half collar I got Bob on the bird. When it was straight out from us it flared up and banked, Apx 200 yards out.

Then it rejoined the Bonaparte's Gulls and flew up river across from the Peach Bottom Power Plant to roost for the night with thousands of Gulls.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

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

Date of Sighting: 8 November 1997 to 8 November 1997

Location: PEACH BOTTOM

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Randy Miller, Bob Schutsky

Date of Submission: 1997

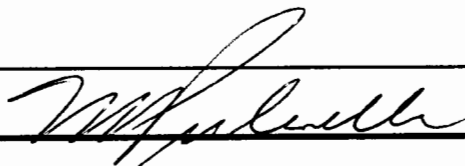
Submitted by: Randy Miller

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain n
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D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					X
P. Rodewald		X						
TOTALS		1	5					12
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 9/28/00