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Observer's Address	Street Address: 24 Meadowood Drive City: Hummelstown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17036 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Melissa Roach, Andy McGann, Doug Gochfeld, Cameron Rutt, others
Species (Common Name)	Black-legged Kittiwake
Species (Scientific Name)	Rissa tridactyla
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Juvenile
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 8:39 PM
County	Dauphin
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Marysville (Perry County)
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Susquehanna River
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.3400354,-76.9235229
Habitat	river
Distance to bird	+250 meters
Viewing conditions	overcast, low cloud ceiling, dark
Optical equipment used	Leica 7x42 Ultravid, Swarovski ATSHD80 scope
Description	I first saw this bird in flight through my binoculars at considerable distance and noticed the bright white "trailing edge triangles" in the wings and remarked about a possible Sabine's Gull. The bird landed and I got it in the scope - seeing its thick, somewhat stubby bill and that it was considerably larger than the 2 Bonaparte's Gulls that it landed with, I was able to tell that it was a young Black-legged Kittiwake. I got the

others onto the bird and then we all were able to watch it fly toward us and see its distinctive dark "M" upperwing/ back pattern, thick black bill, etc. I sketched the bird soon after the observation and have attached a scan of that sketch.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Flying with Bonaparte's Gulls & sitting on the water.

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

I scanned a field sketch & notes out of my field notebook. This is attached.

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

Yes.

During

None

After

None

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Drawing

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

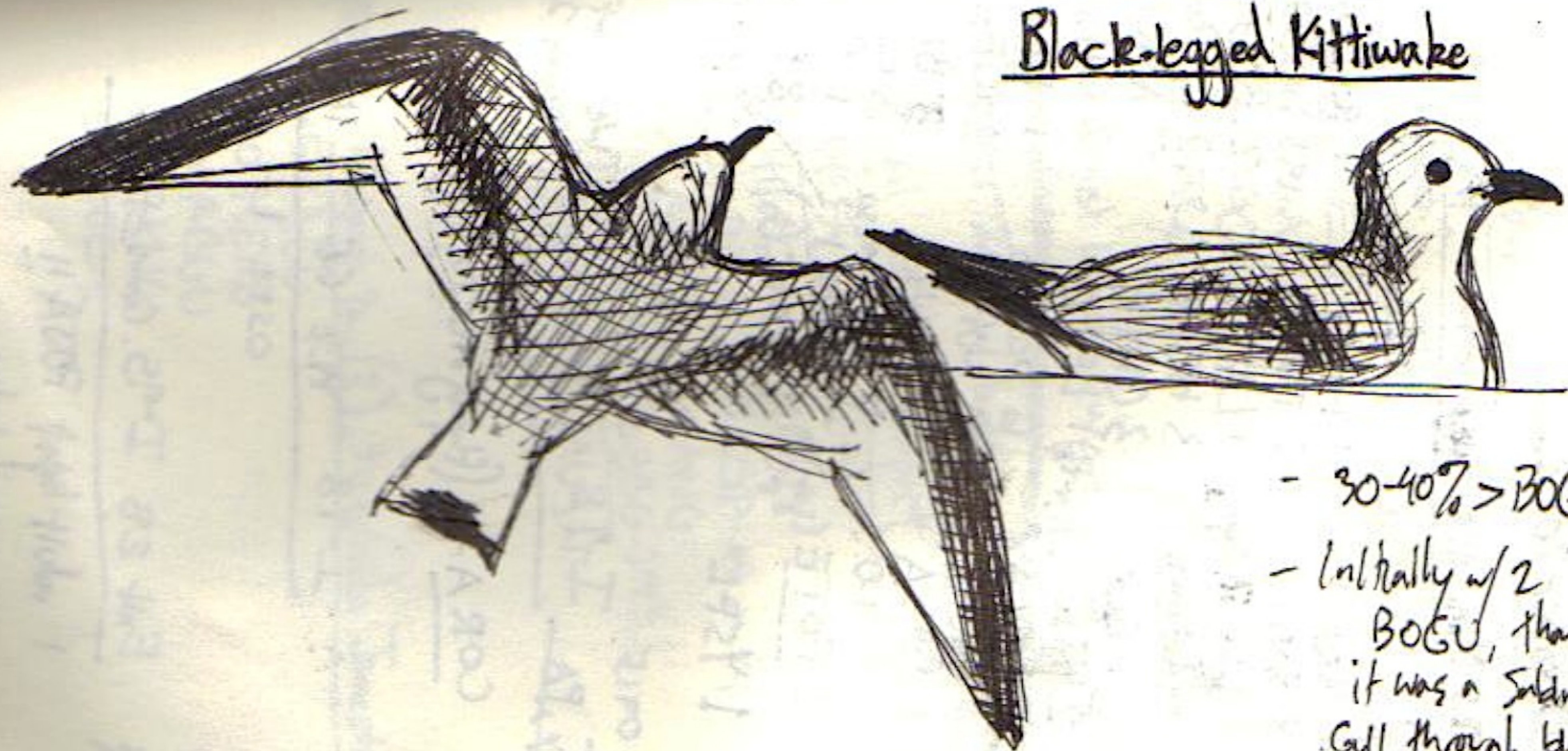
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Marionville, Pennsylvania
30 October 2012

Black-legged Kittiwake



- 30-40% > BOGU
- Initially w/ 2 BOGU, thought it was a Sabine's
- Call through binoculars
- scope view revealed large size + bill