

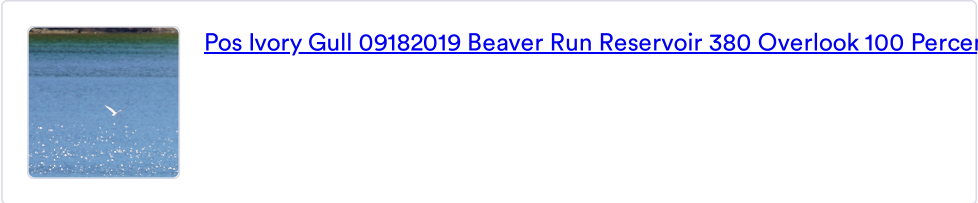


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September 19, 2019 11:26

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Observer's Address	3787 Logans Ferry Road, Apt. K Pittsburgh, PA, 15239-3910 United States
Names of additional observers	Mark Mcconaughey
Species (Common Name)	Ivory Gull
Species (Scientific Name)	Pagophila eburnea
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Presumed to be an adult
Observation Date and Time	Sep 18, 2019 14:10
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	<input checked="" type="button" value="Yes"/>
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59903591
County	Westmoreland County
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Beaver Run Reservoir
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Beaver Run Reservoir PA 380 Overlook (i.e., near the dam).
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 40.511167 -79.552339 (taken of Google Map, this is in the lake where the bird was seen)
Habitat	Reservoir lake
Distance to bird	Naked eye bird, seen in binoculars; probably around 0.5 miles away.
Viewing conditions	Very clear, sunny day, blue sky with a few cumulus clouds.
Optical equipment used	10x58 Zeiss binoculars; Photos taken with a Sony a7 III, with a Tamaron 150-600 mm lens set at 600 mm.
Description	This specimen appeared to be a small, pure white gull with a rounded tail. It did not have a forked tail so it was not a tern. The mantle and wings were white with no noticeable color except white. No gray was observed in either the wings (top or bottom of them) or the mantle. The only possible color noted in the photos is it may have a dark color around the bill. However, this could also be due to a shadow effect as the bird was flying away from the sun in that photo.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	The specimen was flying over the lake. It made one dive into the water to attempt to catch a fish. Otherwise it flew off to the south.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	There is no other gull that is as white as the Ivory Gull, they all have some gray in the mantle and wings. It also was not a tern since it did not have a forked tail or evidence of any skull cap.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	The only other possibility is the gull is a leucistic version of some other small gull. I have uploaded photos of the gull at 100 percent the normal size and also enlarged by 300 or 400 percent depending on the photo. The amount of percentage enlargement is in the file name. Also, these are trimmed photos from much larger shots. If you want the actual originals, let me know and I will send them along.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, since there aren't any other gulls of this whiteness.
During	Sibley Birds of the Eastern US.
After	Sibley Guide to the Birds
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="button" value="Photograph"/>
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	





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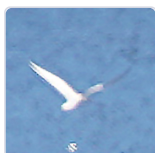
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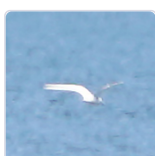
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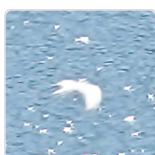
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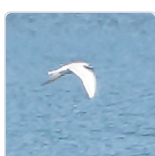
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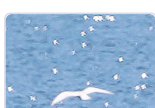
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