

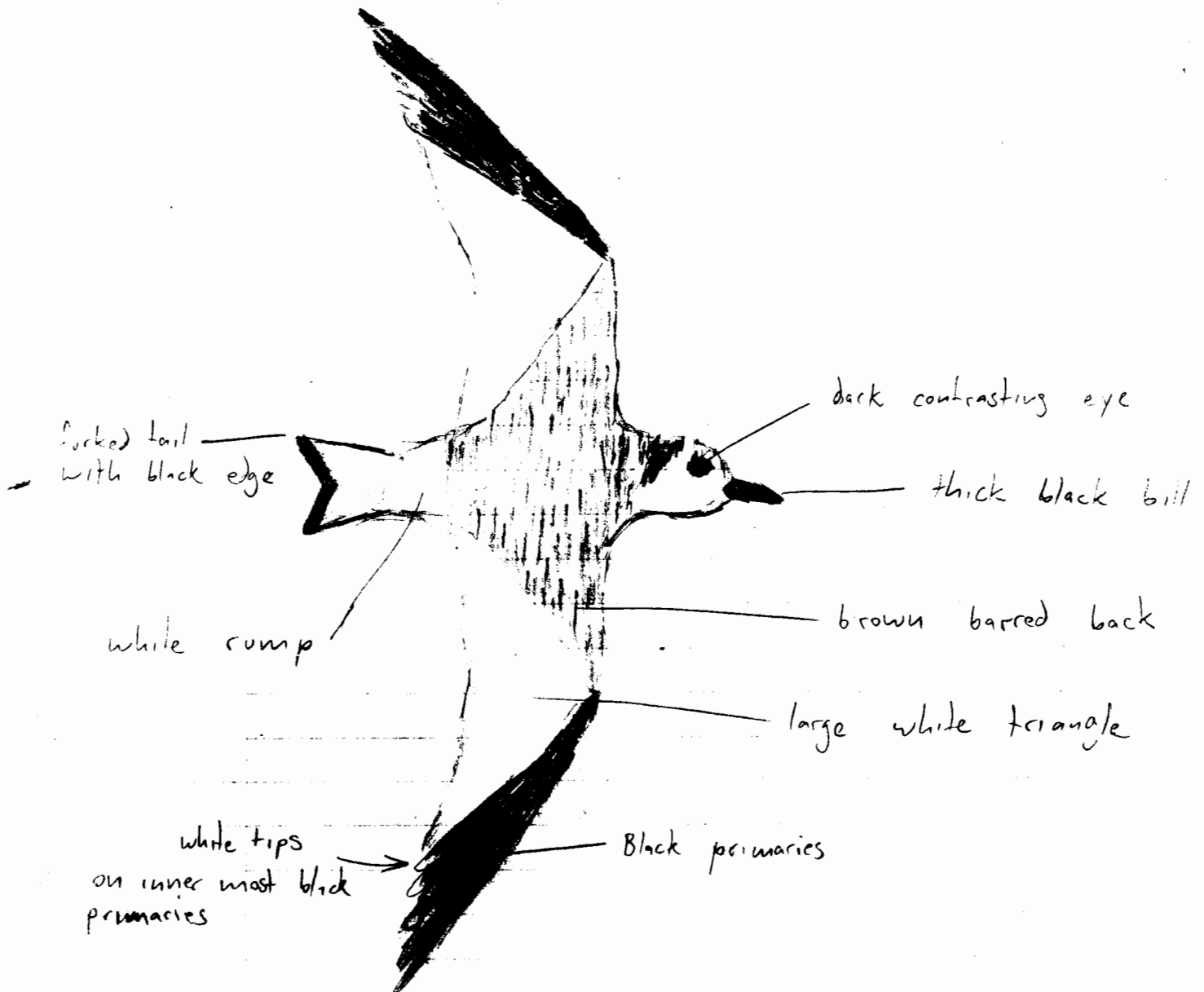
Sunday

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From Jason Horn

On September 1993 Frank Bader and I went to the site of the 1982-83 wintering site in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The day was cloudy and the temperature was in the 50's. The birds were not flying but we did see a few new state birds but none were of the Sabines Gull. We arrived at the site about 8:00 am and after a few minutes of searching we found a large clearing across from Avoca Point. Here we arrived at the spot at 8:15^{am} I set up my 20x binoculars and scope and to my surprise the first thing I saw was an Immature Sabine's Gull going into flight. It was possible I "quick" from Bader as the bird became it decided to leave. This bird was seen from a few hundred yards in good light conditions between 8:30 and 9:00 am. In flight the bird showed the large white triangles that appear in the middle of the wings which are bordered by black on the outer primaries which extends to the elbow and brown barring that extends from the elbow to the rump ^{and head} of the bird. The bird had a white rump and white forked tail with a thin black edge. In flight the ventral portion including the under wings appeared to all white. While sitting the bird showed a short thick black bill, an apparent dark eye, a uniform barred brown back that contrasted with the black primaries. From this distance the leg appeared to be a pale color. In comparison to the other birds this bird appeared much smaller than all of the other gull species. While observing the bird it was fairly active and flew back and forth along Avoca Point and almost every time it landed, it was harassed by Great Black-backed Gulls. Around 9:00 am after the excitement of finding a likely and the second Lancaster County record and probably the eight state record of Sabine's Gull we began to look for the two birds that brought us here in the first place, and after this point we could not relocate respectively.

Later that day I got a poor look at a larger
Jaeger species which I don't know, but had
two Buff-breasted Sandpipers come in. About 1000
which only one remained on the point. Also
a shear was a Leucorhous, 12+ Caspian Terns, 10+
Black Terns and over 100 Foster's Terns which were
all good birds to add to an already perfect day.



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Sabine's Gull (Larus sabini)**

Date of Sighting: **5 September 1995 to 5 September 1995**

Location: **WASHINGTON BORO**

County: **LANCASTER**

Observer(s): **Jason Horn**

Date of Submission: **1995**

Submitted by: **Jason Horn**

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					
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):

J. C. Haas

Date:

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