

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) SABINE'S GULL XEMA SABINI
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 2 SEX(ES) -

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): 2 IMMATURES

DATE OF OBSERVATION 9/6/06 TIME 7:30 AM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) TINICUM TWP, DELAWARE COUNTY

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) UPS BUILDING - DELAWARE RIVER

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): NONE

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) DELAWARE RIVER

DISTANCE TO BIRD 1000 YDS

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) CLOUDY BUT CLEAR (NO HAZE)

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED ZEISS 10X42 LEICA TELEVID SCOPE

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): TWO DISTANT BIRDS FLYING DOWN RIVER.

OBVIOUS WING PATTERN EVEN FROM A FAR DISTANCE. UPPER WING PRIMARIES WERE BLACK WITH INNER PRIMARIES BEING WHITE. UPPER WING COVERTS WERE BROWN AND SECONDARIES WERE ALSO WHITE. THIS PATTERN FORMED A WHITE TRIANGLE IN THE MIDDLE PORTION OF THE WING (SEE DRAWING ATTACHED) THE UPPER TAIL COVERTS WERE A STRIKING WHITE WITH A DARK BAND AT THE TIP OF THE TAIL ITSELF.

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(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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

THE TWO BIRDS WERE TRAVELING WITH 3 LAUGHING GULLS AND WHEN THE LAUGHING GULLS LANDED SO DID THE SABINE'S. THE SABINE'S GULLS WERE SMALLER THAN THE LAUGHING GULLS, BEING ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BONAPARTE'S FLIGHT WAS BASICALLY A STRAIGHT FORWARD STYLE.

VOCALIZATIONS NONE HEARD

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing
Photographer/recorder/illustrator:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) I DIDN'T THINK THIS GULL COULD BE CONFUSED WITH ANY OTHER SPECIES DUE TO THE STRIKING WING PATTERN. THE DARK PORTION OF THE WINGS FORMED A LARGE "M" SHAPE WHILE THE WHITE PORTION FORMED A TRIANGLE THAT WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE AT A GREAT DISTANCE

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: _____

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES HAVE SEEN SABINE'S TWICE BEFORE AND BOTH WERE IMMATURE BIRDS

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) DEFINITELY. VERY DISTINCTIVE UPPER WING PATTERN

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE
After observation SIBLEY

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 9/7/06

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Al Stewart

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Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Sabine's Gull (Xema sabini)

Date of Sighting: 6 September 2006 to 6 September 2006

Location: TINICUM TOWNSHIP

County : DELAWARE

Observer(s): Al Guarente

Date of Submission: 2006

Submitted by: Al Guarente

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

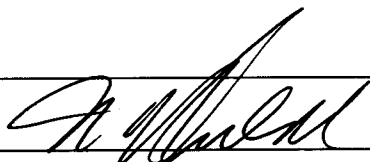
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
A. Guarente			X					
T. Johnson			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
J. Heller			X					
G. Malosh			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date: 4/10/07