





Black-headed Gull, *Larus ridibundus*

(Adult)

Radcliffe Road Riverfront Parking Lot

Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

August 1, 2010

08:50

Overcast conditions, no precipitation

Devich Farbotnik and I made quick scan of gulls standing on a parking lot in Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. This location borders the Delaware River.

This stop yielded a surprise Black-headed Gull among the relatively small group of RBGU and LAGU.

The BHGU was an adult bird: bright red legs, dark red bill, sharply defined dark brown hood starting to show fade on crown and in areas around base of bill.

Darkest feathers were on the throat, and around the perimeter of the hood.

Dark underside of primary feathers noticeable on preening bird (photo included). Pale gray mantle.

Slightly smaller than surrounding LAGU.

A cyclist proceeded to flush the gulls out onto the Delaware River, where we eventually lost track of the BHGU as it headed south. Repeated checks of the river in various locations throughout the day, as well as the parking lot, did not turn up the BHGU.

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Canon Rebel T2i, 300mm lens, 1.4 extender

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Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Black-headed Gull Larus ridibundus

Date of Sighting: 1 August 2010 to 1 August 2010

County : BUCKS

Location : BRISTOL

Observer(s): Devich Farbotnik, Holly Merker

Date of Submission: 2010

Submitted by: Devich Farbotnik, Holly Merker

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

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| B. Coulter | X | | | | | | | |
| C. Rutt | X | | | | | | | |
| J. Heller | X | | | | | | | |
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Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) Nick Pulcinella

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