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On 4/27/98, at 4:00 PM, I was at the Fish Commission Boat Launch area at West Fairview, on the Susquehanna River across from Harrisburg, PA. I was checking some gulls which were resting on the water a little more than halfway toward the West shore. There were a few Ring-billed Gulls, and near them was a smaller gull with a black hood and a short black bill. At first I thought it must be a Bonaparte's Gull, but I checked some Bonaparte's gulls, in the same area of the river, for comparison, and found some differences. The 'special' gull showed no white around the eyes, whereas I could see white around the eyes of the hooded Bonies. Also the hood on this special gull extended a little farther down the back of the head than the hoods of the Bonies. I had just about decided it might be a Little Gull when it decided to fly up river a little way, showing me the top and underside of the wings. They were uniformly gray on the top, except for a narrow white border all along the trailing edge. There was no white wedge pattern on the fore edge of the wing, which the Bonaparte's were showing as they flew. The 'special' gull was very dusky under the wings, blacker on the primaries, and the tail was all white. I decided it must be a sub-adult Little Gull.

I was viewing with a Bausch and Lomb Telescope with the zoom lens at about 30X. The light was good and behind me. I watched the gull for about 15 minutes.  
Grace Randolph.

*Grace Randolph*

## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Little Gull (*Larus minutus*)

Date of Sighting: 27 April 1998 to 27 April 1998

Location: WEST FAIRVIEW

County: DAUPHIN

Observer(s): Grace Randolph

Date of Submission: 1998

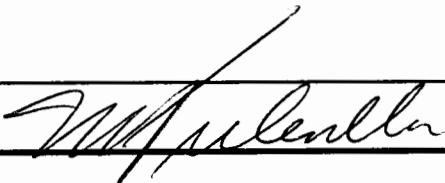
Submitted by: Grace Randolph

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION    YES    PHOTO NO    SPECIMEN NO    RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					<del>X</del>
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 9/28/00