

FOR
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CRAWFORD CO. _

339-01-1999

LITTLE GULL

Larus minutus

Location: Pymatuning Lake

Date: December 19, 1999

Time: approx. 3:00 PM

Weather: sunny, visibility very good

Observer: Robert C. Leberman

Optics: Leica 10 X 42

Details: While watching a small gathering of flying gulls, on the Linesville Christmas count near the Jamestown dam at Pymatuning Lake, my attention was attracted to a smaller bird that had joined a flock of Bonaparte's. It was similar in appearance to the first winter Bonaparte's in the flock, its wings showing a strong blackish W, but the gull was perhaps only two-thirds the size of a Bonaparte's. The bird's bill appeared proportionately smaller to head size than that of the Bonaparte's, and the bird was more tern-like in its flight pattern. As the bird approached the shore, within 60 feet of me, I was able to see that the bird's crown was blacker than that of any of the Bonaparte's, and the primaries were blackish above. I was able to study the bird for about ten minutes, before it disappeared over the dam, into the Shenango River area. I was briefly joined by my brother, Ronald Leberman, who was able to view the bird for a few moments before it disappeared. This is apparently the first report of a Little Gull from Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Little Gull (Larus miutus)

Date of Sighting: 19 December 1999 to 19 December 1999

Location: CRAWFORD

County: PYMATUNING LAKE

Observer(s): Robert Leberman

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Robert Leberman

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

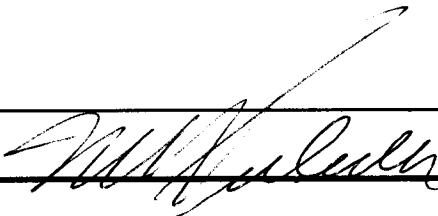
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
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G. Armistead			X					
D. Couchman			X					
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS			6	1				
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/1/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 11/2/00