

Documentation for the PORC:

339-01-2001

Species: Little Gull

Location: Lake Nockamixon fishing pier, Nockamixon State Park, Haycock Township, Bucks County, PA.

Date: 12 April, 2001.

Observer: Bill Etter

Conditions: partly cloudy skies. Sun low in sky, with excellent light from behind. Observed at approximately 5:40-6:10 PM

Optics: 10x24 binoculars, and spotting scope with 25x lens.

Description: The Little Gull was an adult in winter plumage, feeding with a large (60-80) flock of Bonaparte's Gulls between 100-300 yards out over the water. The underwing was an unmistakable, dark, uniform slate gray, with clean white tips and trailing edge. The mantle was light gray, the legs were red, and the head was mottled, with the hood still undefined. The presence of the Bonaparte's Gulls provided an unbeatable comparison. While the dark underwing was evident to the naked eye, I spent over 20 minutes watching the bird feed through the binoculars and scope. It was one of the last birds in the flock to settle down on the surface just after 6:00.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Little Gull (*Larus minutus*)

Date of Sighting: 12 April 2001 to 12 April 2001

Location: NOCKAMIXON STATE PARK

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Bill Etter

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Bill Etter

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

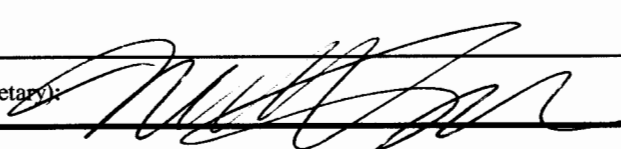
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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Comments: 6/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 8/28/02