



Species (common & scientific): Little Gull – *Larus minutus*

Number of Individuals: 1 **Sex(es):** n/a

Age(s) & Plumage(s): Adult Basic

Date Seen: 4/8/06

Time: from approx. 4:30pm til 6:20 pm

(when we all departed)

Where Seen (Town/County): Falls Township, Bucks County, PA

Exact Location on Middle Van Sciver Lake between Bordentown Road and AMTrak Main line approximately North of the bridge on Bordentown Road (ADC Grid 43 K 1 & 2 and 44 A 1 & 2)

Observer Reporting:

Name: Gerard R. Dewaghe

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Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you):

Devich Farbotnick (Who found the bird), Christine Dewaghe, Jim Hartley

Distance to Bird: 1000 to 2000 feet

Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Cloudy

Optical Equipment Used: Leica Scope (Devich) & binoculars (Swarovski 8.5x42)

Habitat: middle of Lake

Description (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage; bill, eye, & leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): See photos

Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): Bird seen flying loosely associated with Bonaparte gulls (*Larus Philadelphia*) at the edge of the large gull flock roosting on the lake (Mix of Great Black Backed Gulls, Herring Gulls, Ring-billed Gulls & a few Laughing Gulls)

Vocalizations: N/a

Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report): **Photo:** See Photos attached
Name, Address, e-mail, telephone (optional) of photographer, etc.: Same as reporter

Separation from Similar Species (How you eliminated others):

No other gull with combination on plain gray mantle and nearly black underwing.

Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee evaluating it):

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species:

Yearly sightings in the US over the past 35 years

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not): YES

References:

During Observation: None

After Observation: National Geographic, Sibley's & Seabirds of the World (Harrison)

Date of report: 4/9/06

Signature of Observer: Gerard R. Dewaghe

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Little Gull (Larus minutus)

Date of Sighting: 8 April 2006 to 8 April 2006

Location: FALLS TOWNSHIP

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): Gerard Dewaghe

Date of Submission: 2006

Submitted by: Gerard Dewaghe

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

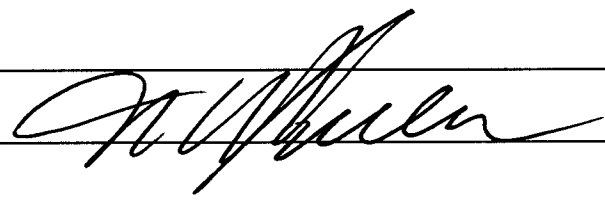
Specimen: No

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: 4/16/06