

RARE SPECIES REPORT

338-02-1990

SPECIES: <u>FRANKLINS GULL</u>	NUMBER SEEN: <u>ONE</u>
SIGHTING DATE: <u>9-15-90</u>	SIGHTING TIME: <u>APPROX 4:00 P.M.</u>
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: <u>LANCASTER COUNTY, PA.</u> DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: <u>5 MILES SOUTH OF COLUMBIA PA. ON SUSQUEHANNA RIVER</u> DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE: <u>RIVER RD. SOUTH FROM COLUMBIA TO BLUE ROCK - TAKE RIGHT TO BOAT LAUNCH</u>
HABITAT: <u>MUDFLATS NEAR ISLAND ON SUSQUEHANNA RIVER</u>	
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: <u>ALTERNATELY SUNNY & CLOUDY</u> DISTANCE: <u>220 FEET</u> EQUIP. USED: <u>KOWA TSN-2 (20X-60X); ZEISS 8X30</u> LENGTH OF SIGHTING: <u>TEN MINUTES</u>
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: <u>NOT HEARD</u> SIZE: <u>CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THAN NEARBY RING-BILLED GULLS & SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN TWO NEARBY IMMATURE LAUGHING GULLS</u> PLUMAGE: <u>FIRST WINTER ADULT; 1/2 HOOD; SPLIT EYE RING PRESENT BUT LESS NOTICEABLE THAN SHOWN IN NAT. GEOGRAPHIC F.G.; WHITE UNDERPARTS (NOT BROWNISH AS IN LAUGHING GULLS); MANTLE & BACK GRAY; WING COVERTS MORE BROWNISH THAN GRAYISH BROWN (IE MASTER GUIDE P.45); BLACK TAIL BAND; BLACKISH WING TIPS.</u> ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): <u>BILL NOT AS LONG AS NEARBY LAUGHING GULLS - ALSO THINNER & STRAIGHTER; LEGS & BILL ALL BLACK & MORE COMPACT (SHORTER-LESS ELONGATED) THAN LAUGHING GULLS</u> BEHAVIOR: <u>SITTING ON EDGE OF MUDFLAT; NERVOUS (RING-BILLED GULLS SEEMED TO BARKER IT)</u> <u>BIRD WAS NOT SEEN IN FLIGHT (GOT AWAY WHEN WE WERE LOOKING ELSEWHERE)</u>
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>BREEDING PLUMAGED ADULTS SEEN IN COLORADO AND TEXAS</u>	
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>TWO IMMATURE LAUGHING GULLS WITHIN 50' - BILLS WERE LONGER, THICKER, SLIGHTLY DOWNCURRED - THEY WERE LONGER, THINNER BIRDS W/ BROWNISH UNDERPARTS - FRANKLINE GULL APPEARED TO BE BUILT MUCH THE SAME AS CHIMARRONET W/ SIMILAR LOOKING BILL</u>	
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <u>NO</u> IF SO, BY WHO?	
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? <u>ROBERT M. SCHUTSKY</u>	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): <u>DID NOT CHECK TAIL BAND TO SEE IF IT HAD WHITE EDGES; BIRD ALMOST PERFECT MATCH FOR NAT. GEOG. FIELD GUIDE (WHICH WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE AT TIME OF SIGHTING) EXCEPT THAT WING COVERTS ON FOLDED WING APPEARED MORE BROWNISH AS SHOWN IN MASTER GUIDE TO BIRDING, BOOK II.</u>	
SIGHTING & REPORT BY: <u>JERRY BOOK</u>	
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SIGNATURE: <u>Jerry Book</u>	DATE: <u>9-17-90</u>

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Franklin's Gull**

Date of Sighting: **September 15, 1990**

Observer(s): **Jerry Book**

Date of Submission: **1990**

Submitted by: **Jerry Book**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
R. Leberman			X				
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe						X	
TOTALS			6			1	
DECISION			X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

B. Haas

Date:

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