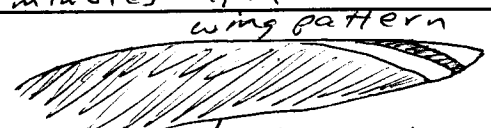




RARE SPECIES REPORT

338-02-1992

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| SPECIES: Franklin's Gull   |   | NUMBER SEEN: 1 adult in full breeding plumage  |
| SIGHTING DATE: 18 & 19 April 92  |   | SIGHTING TIME: 4/18: 1900-2000h<br>4/19: 1800-2000h  |
| LOCATION: Conowingo Pond, Susquehanna River  | COUNTY & STATE: Lancaster Co., PA<br>DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: below Conowingo Islands, from center of river toward York Co. shoreline, but always in Lancaster Co.<br>DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE: ~ 3 miles downriver from Holtwood Dam   |  |
| HABITAT: Open water in gull roost of ~ 3000 gulls, mostly Ring-bills; fed on chummed popcorn   |   |  |
| SIGHTING CONDITIONS:   | LIGHTING: misty, light rain, overcast<br>DISTANCE: 30-500', usually 50-100'<br>EQUIP. USED: 10x40 Bushnells and 10x40 Zeiss<br>LENGTH OF SIGHTING: ~ 20 minutes 4/18<br>~ 45 minutes 4/19   |  |
| DESCRIPTION: White hind neck separated black hood from dark mantle<br><br>w/gray smudge in central area  | VOICE: none heard<br><br>SIZE:<br><br>PLUMAGE: Black hood; very dark back and mantle; large white eye crescent; short neck; stocky; short-winged in flight and on water; white hind neck; white tail; white underparts w/ pink cast.<br>ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): small straight dark red bill; did not see leg color;<br>BEHAVIOR: fed aggressively on popcorn, chased Ring-bills or dove into forays. | wing pattern<br> |
| FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: I have seen adult Franklin's in N. Dakota & Manitoba ~ 10 years ago. Know Bonaparte's, Little, laughing, Black-headed quite well. |   |  |
| COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: Laughing; longer decurved bill; lacks distinctive wing tip pattern; smaller white eye crescent.   |   |  |
| HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? Yes IF SO, BY WHO? Both nights color 4/18<br>photo will be sent separately Schutzky B & W 4/19  |   |  |
| Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? No   |   |  |
| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): Other observers: 4/18: L. Lewis, 4/19: L. Lewis, N. Pulcinella, C. Hicks, L. & D. Weathercote.                      |   |  |
| SIGHTING & REPORT BY: Robert M. Schutzky   |   |  |
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| SIGNATURE Robert M. Schutzky   |   | DATE: 4 June 92, from field notes written both nights 4/18 & 4/19                                  |

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Franklin's Gull**

Date of Sighting: **18 April 1992 to 19 April 1992**

Observer(s): **Bob Schutsky, et al.**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Bob Schutsky, et al.**

| Member        | Class I | Class II | Class III | Class IV | Class V |   |   |
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|               |         |          |           |          | A       | B | C |
| E. Kwater     | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| B. Haas       | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| F. Haas       | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| R. Ickes      | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| G. McWilliams | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| S. Santner    | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| J. Skinner    | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| TOTALS        | 7       |          |           |          |         |   |   |
| DECISION      | X       |          |           |          |         |   |   |

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Date: 7/2/93