

April 8, 2005

Dave Hawk
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The records Committee was nearly unanimous in their comments that there were simply not enough details provided in either the written description or video to confidently identify the Franklin's Gulls you found at Beltzville Lake in December of 2000. No one really doubt the identification, it is simply that the committee does not have enough information to assess the record.

Sincerely

Matt Sharp
Chair: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee.

COMMENTS:

338-01-2000

FRANKLIN'S GULL (5)

Belzville Lake 12/17, Franklin Township, Carbon County. Weather conditions- driving rain and foggy.

At the beach area I observed five gulls that were much smaller (~three inches) than the Ring-billed Gulls that were next to them. Notes I recorded at time- dark mantle, small bill, incomplete eyering, black specked band behind eye, white forehead with black spots on top of head, white tipped primaries. I took video, which shows the size difference.

DAVE HAWK

LOCATIONS

ABBREV	LOCATION
BL	Belzville Lake
PEF	Penn Forest Res
WCR	Wild Creek Res.
BO	Bake Oven
AND	Andrews
LEH	Leighton
CEC	Carbon Envir Center
WC	Weissport Canal
HOME	Franklin Twp
SMT	Saw Mill Trail

OBSERVERS

ABBREV.	OBSERVER
DH	Dave Hawk
✓ BE	Bob Frantz
✓ BR	Barry Reed
✓ Rehr	Rehrig's
✓ JE	JEFF Frantz
✓ SH	Steve Hawk
✓ DK	Dan Kunkle
✓ DEV	Devin Kline

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Franklin's Gull (*Larus pipixcan*)

Date of Sighting: 17 December 2000 to 17 December 2001

Location: BELTZVILLE LAKE

County: CARBON

Observer(s): David Hawk

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: David Hawk

Written Description: Yes

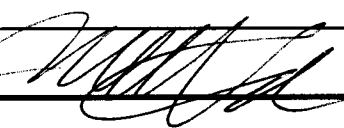
Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead					X			
D. Couchman					X			
P. Hess					X			
J. Stanley			X					
B. Reid					X			
B. Leberman P. Rodewald					X			
M. Sharp					X			
TOTALS			1		6			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 1/6

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 12/24/01