

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2018-04-02 22:00:30
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	720 N. Allen St. State College PA 16803 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Joseph Gyekis
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Franklin's Gull
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Leucophaeus pipixcan
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	first winter
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	03-31-2018 8:40 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S44112556">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S44112556</a>
<b>County</b>	Union
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Lewisburg
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Walmart
<b>Habitat</b>	pavement
<b>Distance to bird</b>	40 ft
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	sun
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	old Kowa scope and compact binos
<b>Description</b>	see all pics and vids in album here <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/Oenj0wVhNwucTXkU2">https://photos.app.goo.gl/Oenj0wVhNwucTXkU2</a>

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

Sleepy. Stirred and flew when a person went by, landed back on pavement closer to me. Preened a bit. Looked around a few times. Yawned at least once.

Always neat to see a bird sleeping on one leg actively rotating in the breeze. Seems like way too fast of a reflex for peaceful sleep.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

First thought Franklin's. Then after consulting Sibley thought laughing because the illustrations showed plenty of white on wingtips for Franklin's of this age and I saw no white at all, like the illustration of laughing. Was in a hurry to get somewhere by 9 so after enough pics just left and uploaded it. Posted to facebook as Laughing (?). When Alex L. replied Franklin's I just agreed. Can't really explain the difference but the neater hood, smaller bill, prominent eye arcs, etc. all stood out to help it be Franklin's. Ted Nichols posted it to a gull focused Facebook group and Amar Ayyash agreed with Franklin's. So that's how I arrived at the current understanding.

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)**

I'm in no position to be positive about anything, I already messed this one up, but better gull ID'ers than I seem to have a consensus

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