

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-12-16 07:07:47
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Observer's Address	1814 Federal Street Unit B Philadelphia PA 19146 United States
Names of additional observers	George L Armistead
Species (Common Name)	Franklin's Gull
Species (Scientific Name)	Leucophaeus pipixcan
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	~adult, in 2nd pre-basic molt
Observation Date and Time	10-07-2018 12:30 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S49018802
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Delaware River Trail, Walmart on Columbus Blvd by pier 68
GPS coordinates of sighting	39°55'27.9"N 75°08'20.7"W
Habitat	Delaware River, adjacent parking lot
Distance to bird	closest was under 15 feet (upon discovery)
Viewing conditions	clear, calm
Optical equipment used	10x42 Zeiss, Canon 7D with 400mm lens
Description	Smallish hooded gull, delicate in proportions to nearby Laughing Gulls.

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

Loafing and cavorting with regular flock of gulls in this area. But flock was restless and picked up and moved several times. 3x I was able to relocate the Franklin's after the flock picked up, but eventually it headed off to the south, and I watched it disappear out of sight.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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