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Mr. Ben Coulter
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March 15, 2009

Ben,

Thank you for your submission of an Mew Gull in Bucks County at Tullytown on December 27, 2007. The Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee appreciates the time and labor involved in submitting your record.

After two rounds of voting, the sighting was unfortunately not accepted. The committee members felt that the bird in the photographs lacked the critical details to make a judgement. Although this small, dark-mantled gull looked interesting, the members thought that a written description would have been helpful.

Your sighting of the Mew Gull could very well be correct, unfortunately the committee has to go by the data submitted and some members felt that description and photos fell a little short of a positive identification.

Thanks again for your report and please don't let this discourage you from future submissions. The committee depends on reports like yours to further the knowledge of Pennsylvania ornithological studies.

Sincerely,

Al Guarente
Chairman

Record # 344-01-2007

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Mew Gull Larus canus

Date of Sighting: 27 December 2007 to 27 December 2007

County : BUCKS

Location : TULLYTOWN

Observer(s): Ben Coulter

Date of Submission: 2008

Submitted by: Ben Coulter

Written Description: No


Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente					X			
T. Johnson					X			
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt					X			
J. Heller					X			
G. Malosh					X			
TOTALS	1				5			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 1/5

Signature (Secretary) 

Date: 2/3/08