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Professional Care for Orphaned and Injured Wildlife

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Dear Dan,

Enclosed are excerpts from my records about the birds that I spoke to you about. I have also enclosed slides of these birds. We initially identified the eared grebe as a horned, but then went back and looked at the pictures and realized that we must have an eared grebe. I believe that both the pied billed grebe and the eared grebe were immature birds. Please let me know if I identified these birds correctly. The eared grebe was found at the waste water treatment plant, not far from the duck pond. Both grebes were released at the duck pond.

After reviewing the record from the sooty tern, I discovered that I had the bird longer that I remembered. It had a tough time. It was found on 9-7-96 in State College. I have in my records that it was the same time as Hurricane "Fran". When the bird arrived it weighed 106 gm. By 9-23 it was up to 136 gm (still under weight). The normal weight range for a sooty tern is 147-220 gm. At this point it was eating fish well and starting to fly. Then it started going down hill fast. It died on 9-26. Necropsy found that it had a fluke infestation, a pseudomonas bacterial infection and pneumonia.

I found the body weight information from a publication called *Body Weights of 686 Species of North American Birds*. It lists the normal weight of a black tern as 60.3-74.1 gm. This publication is available from the International Wildlife Rehab Council (IWRC).

I also included a few other slides that you might be interested in seeing...one of which is an albino robin. "Snowball" is partially blind so I kept this bird as an educational animal. I still have "Snowball" if you would ever like to see it in person.

You may keep all of the slides. I hope you find them useful. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. My e-mail is robyn@vicon.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Graboski".

Robyn Graboski

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuscata*)

Date of Sighting: 7 September 1999 to 26 September 1999

Location: CENTRE

County: STATE COLLEGE

Observer(s): Robyn Graboski

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Dan Brauning

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes

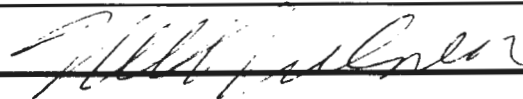
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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