

Least Tern

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Sterna antillarum  
Montgomery County  
Jason Horn

On Thursday 24 June 1993, I went to Green Lane Reservoir and when I arrived at 12:45 pm I noticed a small white Tern. After viewing it through my 20x scope and Bausch and Lomb 10x42 binocular, I discovered that it was a Least Tern Sterna antillarum: a new area record and probably a new Montgomery County record.

The bird was an adult with a bright yellow-orange bill with a black tip and a black cap with a white forehead. In flight the bird displayed all dark outer primaries which contrasted with the rest of the wing and back. In flight I also noticed the short forked tail of this bird. The bird displayed rapid, short wing beats and flew high above the lake and occasional plunged to catch small fish or to skim its bill along the water to either drink or clean its bill.

This bird was seen at close range under perfect light condition. It was seen both in flight and perched by many observers which included: Kevin Crilley, Steve and Bob Farbotnik, George A. Franchois, Gary L. Freed, Pauline and Bernie L. Morris, and Miriam Schantz.

The bird ~~stayed~~ until dark and to my knowledge it could not be found the following day.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*)

Date of Sighting: 24 June 1993 to 24 June 1993

Location: GREEN LANE RESERVOIR

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): Jason Horn

Date of Submission: 1993

Submitted by: Jason Horn

Written Description: YES Photo: NO Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe			X					
J. Skinner			X					
TOTALS			6	1				
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*J. C. Haas*

Date:

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