

372-02-1999

LEAST TERN

7/14/99

Location: Green Lane Reservoir

Time: Approx. 10:30am EDT

Weather: Clear

Optics: 7X42B Zeiss Binoculars

I observed two small terns flying rapidly and diving at several hundred yards. Due to the small size and rapid wing beat, I felt they were Least Terns but knew I had never seen them locally before and there weren't many local sightings. Fortunately, the birds made several close passes in the 100 to 200 foot range so that I could easily see that they were small terns and in fact Least. The yellow bill was clearly seen as were the black cap and nape with white forehead. Underparts were white with darker outer primaries. Upperparts were gray with the outer black primaries. The tail was whiter and forked.

AUGUST MIRABELLA

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*)

Date of Sighting: ¹⁴ ~~7~~ July 1999 to ¹⁴ ~~7~~ July 1999

Location: MONTGOMERY

County: GREEN LANE RESERVOIR

Observer(s): August Mirabella

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: August Mirabella

Written Description: Yes

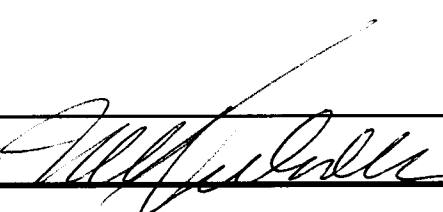
Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead			X					
D. Couchman			X					
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0/0

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 11/2/00