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From: RKoury123@aol.com
To: dickpatwill@juno.com
Date: Wed, 13 Oct 1999 17:35:47 EDT
Subject: Re: least tern

Dick,

I didn't send you a report this quarter as I had thought all of my reports were on the list serve. Here are some details for the Least Tern:

*Least tern
Documentation*

On July 7th, 1999 in the Susuquehanna River, out from the Wes Fairview Boast Launch I observed an adult Least Tern. I first noticed the bird as it flew over my head and gave a single "pip" call. It landed on a stump sticking out of the water about 50 feet away. I observed it for a few minutes and it flew around for a minute or so and landed back on the stump. I watched it for a few more minutes, then it flew upriver and I did not relocate it that day or the next.

Description:

This was a small tern, smaller than the Forster's Terns that were also present. It had a black cap with a white forehead. This was not due to molting as the black did extend on the side of the head to the bill. The bill was orange with a black tip. The legs were yellowish. The bird was gray above and white underneath. When the bird flew it was easy to see the black on the outer primaries. The tail was white and deeply forked. I observed it for several minutes through a Kowa telescope (20 power) Other species this may have been confused with - none.

I believe this is the first record in the Harrisburg area.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*)

Date of Sighting: 7 July 1999 to 7 July 1999

Location: DAUPHIN

County: SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

Observer(s): Ramsay Koury

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Ramsay Koury

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

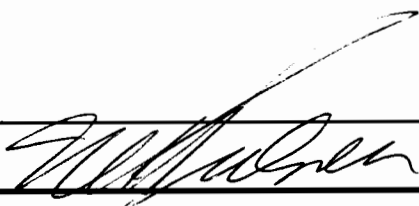
Specimen: No

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:

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