

Subject: Least Tern

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Rare Bird Report

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The following information is presented according to Pa. Birds, 2000, vol. 14, no. 2, pp. 98 to 99. It follows the checklist of elements to include in an ideal written documentation.

1. Species: Least Tern (breeding adult)
2. Location: Dunnings Creek Wetlands, Bedford Co.1
3. Date and time: June 11, 2001 between 2 and 3 pm
4. Period of observation: approximately 60 minutes
5. Name and Address:
Kevin Georg
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6. No other observers
7. Distance from Bird: varied from 30 feet to a hundred yards.
8. Weather Conditions: sunny
9. Optics: Zeiss 10 by 50
10. Behavior: flying, feeding (caught some small fish)
- 11 to 16 Description: this tern appeared slightly larger than a harassing Red-wing Blackbird . The tern had a white forehead with black streak running from mandible to and around eye to hood which connected with nap and anteriorly to a line between eyes. This left the area from between the eyes to mandible (forehead) white. The underside was white from the chin to tail feathers. The underside of the wings were white. The tail was notched and white. The entire dorsal(upper) surface of the bird was whitish.
17. Distinguishing this bird from other species: There is no other bird with the white forehead, yellow bill, and small size that matches this bird.
18. Previous experience with this bird: Observed Least Terns on middle Atlantic coast.
19. Discussion supporting Identification: Identification was immediate, but doubts about its occurrence prompted double checking field guides. This bird passed all the tests-----not that it needed any. Its a very obvious tern in any plumage. I should add that tropical storm Allison was pushing North at this time. If you have any questions don't hesitate to email me at Kgeorg519@cs.com.

Kevin Georg

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*)

Date of Sighting: 11 June 2001 to 11 June 2001

Location: DUNNING'S CREEK WETLANDS

County: BEDFORD

Observer(s): Kevin Georg

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Kevin Georg

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

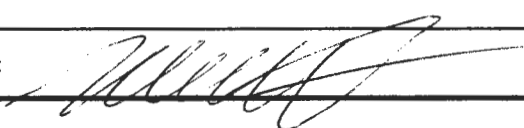
Specimen: No

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					
J. Stanley			X					
B. Reid				X				
P. Rodewald K. Lieberman			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			6	1				
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/1/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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