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Submission Date 2019-06-23 14:33:32 **Observer's Name** Michael Hartshorne E-mail michael.p.hartshorne@gmail.com **Phone** 4845669548 **Observer's Address** 3408 Eaton Court **Chester Springs** PA 19425 **United States** Names of additional Larry Lewis, Ross Gallardy, Melissa Gallardy, Michael Defina, Jason Horn observers **Species (Common Name)** Least tern **Species (Scientific Name)** Sternula antillarum Number of individuals Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Adult, breeding plumage Sex (if known) **Observation Date and Time** 06-15-2019 12:30 PM Did you submit this sighting Yes to eBird? Link to eBird checklist https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S57398055 County Chester Location (City, Borough, Downingtown, Upper Uwchlan and Wallace Townships Township) Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, Marsh Creek State Park lake, road) **GPS** coordinates of sighting 40.067560, -75.719985 **Habitat** Reservoir Distance to bird 20 ft. Viewing conditions Partly cloudy with temperatures in low 70°F Optical equipment used Nikon Monarch 7 8x42 **Description** Originally spotted by Larry Lewis. Small white tern, slightly larger than tree swallow with distinct yellow bill with black tip.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Originally single bird flying with rapid wing beats throughout reservoir with second bird located at approximately 12:49. Birds flying approximately 30' above water surface and then descending to surface. Single least tern fluttered and almost landed on buoys located approximately 20' offshore in front of me and then departed. Later, both terns landed on buoys and photos were obtained. At one point, one least tern was flying rapidly above water surface chased by tree swallow.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Yellow bill ruled out common and Forster's tern. Much smaller size and smaller yellow bill compared to large-billed tern.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, due to previous experience viewing least tern on NJ beaches and identification of pertinent field marks

During

None

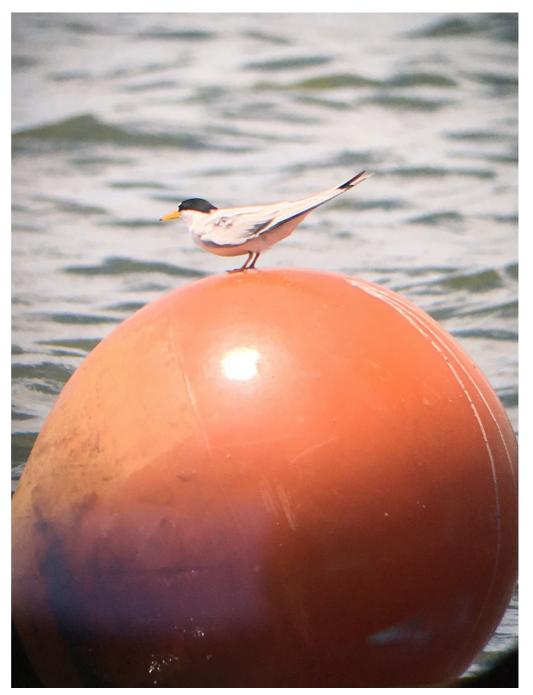
After

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

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