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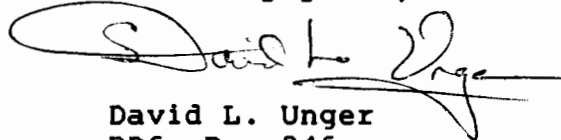
Dear Frank and Barb:

Regarding the sighting of the Royal Tern at the Sunbury Fabridam in Northumberland Cty., Mr. Stanley Stahl sent his observations to me instead of to you. Below are his observations which I copied word for word.

"On 23 September 1989, while parked at the Sunbury Fabridam, I observed a large tern near the far shore on the western side of the river. The orangish bill, forked tail, and no noticeable darkness to the underside of the primaries suggested a Royal Tern. It flew closer to my car and landed on some rocks about 30-50 feet from the near shore with a Forster's Tern and 3 Common Terns. The larger size compared with the others was easily apparent. It had a yellow-orange bill, a white forehead, and a marked shaggy black crest. The bill was thinner and more yellow-orange than a Caspian Tern's thicker bill. But not thin and decurved like the Elegant Tern. It appeared to have a slimmer body than a Caspian Tern. Note: I did not see a Caspian Tern here, but I saw 2 Caspian Terns near Harrisburg (West Fairview) later in the afternoon. The observation was made about 1:30 P.M. in steady rain with a Bushnell Spotting Scope 20-45X, mounted on the car window."

I hope this information will prove useful. If you need any more information from Mr. Stahl, his address is 610 Chestnut Street, Montoursville, PA 17754. Once again, thanks for the great job you are both doing and good luck at your new residence and with your new yard list.

Sincerely yours,



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October 17, 1989

Dear Frank and Barb:

Enclosed is my report for Northumberland Cty. for the third quarter. Hopefully I followed your requests from your recent letter. I would like to apologize for the length of my last report, unfortunately I did not receive your postcard concerning your moving until after I received my issue of PA Birds. It was a little mangled and I guess it was a victim of some sorting machine at the Post Office.

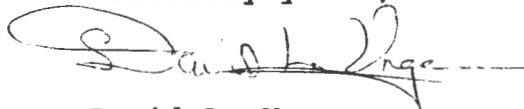
The highlight of the quarter was a Royal Tern at the Sunbury Fabridam on 9/23 for the first county record. Unfortunately I do not have a box feature on my word processor but I separated that paragraph. The bird was seen by both Stan Stahl of Montoursville and Allen Schweinsberg, my wife and I missed it, we were at Cape May with the McFaddens. Stan is very reliable according to Allen but he did not provide any details. I wrote him and asked him to send any information to you. Allen provided me with his own description which I copied below word for word.

I observed the Royal Tern at dusk on the 23rd. The bird was backlit and the light was poor. I used my telescope varying the power from 15 to 30. The bird stood offshore with other terns, gulls, and shorebirds at a distance of about 100 feet. It was roughly the same size as the nearby Caspian Tern and Ring-billed Gulls and was much larger than a nearby Forster's Tern. The Royal Tern and the Caspian Tern stood near each other and I had them in the same field in my scope. The Royal's bill was discernably thinner; it had a boldly "bald" forehead in contrast to the full cap on the Caspian; also its crest projected very considerably behind the head--more than that of the Caspian.

As far as I know no pictures were taken. Hopefully Stan will provide some more details. Thank you for the AOU list for PA it will come in handy. Also, I just used my last floppy disc mailer, I can get some if you are out.

I would like to thank both of you for the great job that you are doing. Pennsylvania needed something like this for a long time. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know and any constructive criticism would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



David L. Unger

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round #2 of 2

Species: **Royal Tern**

Date of Sighting: **25 June 1990**

Observer(s): **Stanley Stahl, Allen Schweinsberg**

Date of Submission: **1989**

Submitted by: **Stanley Stahl, Allen Schweinsberg**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas		X					
F. Haas		X					
R. Leberman		X					
G. McWilliams		X					
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe				X			
TOTALS		4		3			
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of 2

Species: **Royal Tern**

Date of Sighting: **Sept 23, 1989**

Observer(s): **Stanley Stahl, Allen Schweinsberg**

Date of Submission: **1989**

Submitted by: **Stanley Stahl, Allen Schweinsberg**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater		X					
B. Haas		X					
F. Haas		X					
R. Leberman		X					
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner		X					
P. Schwalbe				X			
TOTALS		5		2			
DECISION							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Date: