

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2020-05-29 20:02:22
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Observer's Address	421 S. Old Middletown Rd Media PA 19603 United States
Names of additional observers	Ken Reiker, Jason Horne, Rob Fergus, Damon Orsetti
Species (Common Name)	Royal Tern
Species (Scientific Name)	Thalasseus maximus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult Breeding
Observation Date and Time	05-29-2020 9:40 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/pa/checklist/S69792332
County	Delaware
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Essington
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Governor Printz Park
Habitat	River
Distance to bird	100 Yards
Viewing conditions	Cloudy skies making for excellant viewing conditions
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 10x42 Bino and Leica Televid Spotting scope

Description

Large Caspian sized tern with a long orange-yellow bill, slightly thinner than Caspian's. In-flight the wings were thin, not broad like Caspian and the upper primaries were all white with no trace of black. The crown was solid black and extended off the back of the head. The tern was found by Ken Reiker and was also seen by Damon Orsetti, Rob Fergus, and Jason Horne.

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

Sitting on piling

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

See description above

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

Yes. I am familiar with the species as were the other observers

During

None

After

None

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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