

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Black Skimmer (Rynchops niger)
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) poss ♀ based on bill size

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): adult breeding

DATE OF OBSERVATION 9/19/03 TIME ~4PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Schellsburg

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) beach at Shawnee State Park

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Lauretta Payne
Address 9755 Glades Pike
City Berlin State PA ZIP 15530
e-mail (optional) paynemt@msn.com phone (optional) (814) 267-5718

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Chris Payne

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) beach

DISTANCE TO BIRD 50 yds.

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) cloudy / lgt rain

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Zeiss Dyalyt 7x42; Swarovski 65mm

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

Black upperparts, white underparts including
lower half of face + neck
short orange-red legs
Long bill with mandible longer than maxilla -
base orange, tip black

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Sitting on sandy beach with 4-5 Forster's Terns 8-10 Common Terns and 5 Laughing Gulls - blown in by Hurricane Isabel

VOCALIZATIONS none heard

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name Lauretta Payne

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) _____

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: hurricane blown bird

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES Many in NJ

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ? (why or why not) yes

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation _____

After observation Sibley

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 4/27/04

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Lauretta Payne



Black Skimmer
beach at Shawnee SP
9/19/03



Black Skimmer with
Forster's Terns + Laughing
Gull -

Shawnee State Park

9/19/03

* 3 Laughing Gulls also flew by Oremahoning Reservoir
earlier 9/19/03

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Black Skimmer (Rynchops niger)

Date of Sighting: 19 September 2003 to 19 September 2003

Location: SHAWNEE STATE PARK

County : SOMERSET

Observer(s): Laretta Payne, Chris Payne

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Laretta Payne

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

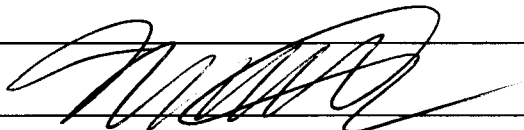
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

8/16/04