

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-11-01 09:59:00
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Mike Epler
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Black Skimmer
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Rynchops niger
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Immature
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-31-2012 4:35 PM
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Washington Boro
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Conejohela Flats, Avocet Island
<b>Habitat</b>	River, mud/sand bar
<b>Distance to bird</b>	appx 400 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	overcast, good light
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski HD 80 scope, digiscoped picture using scope + Sony DSC-W7 camera
<b>Description</b>	Large black-backed bird with long orange/black bill, short legs, white underparts. Mottled on top with white, black cap, appears to be immature bird. Was observed skimming the water in typical Black Skimmer style before it landed on the sandbar. Also observed skimming the water after resting, headed north at dusk. Was often obscured from sight by the numerous Ring-billed Gulls present on the same mud/sand spit.

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

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**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Don't believe there is any doubt about observation.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

See photos.  
There is video available but not currently accessible for this report. Will send if requested.

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

Yes. Size, shape, color, bill, behavior. Also, see photos

**During**

None.

**After**

Sibley, Stokes, to confirm age

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**

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