

Submission Date	2013-04-15 20:42:40
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 450 Amherst Avenue City: Moon Township State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15108 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	None
Species (Common Name)	Pomarine Jaeger
Species (Scientific Name)	Stercorarius pomarinus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 8:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S11905164
County	Allegheny
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Dashields Dam
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Ohio River at the outlet of Flaugherty Run
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.557596,-80.217418
Habitat	River
Distance to bird	150 feet at closest approach
Viewing conditions	Cloudy, northwest wind, light to moderate rain
Optical equipment used	Leica Ultravid 10x42 binoculars
Description	This report is being submitted well after the fact. The description I entered into eBird the day of the sighting is copied below verbatim: --- Light adult [Pomarine Jaeger] passed the dam just after 8:00

am, flying rapidly downriver (toward the city) assisted by a moderate tail wind. The bird was heavy bodied and flew with obvious power even with the tailwind. Generally dark overall, and rather dusky below instead of cleaner white, with obvious white patch at the bases of the primaries. A pale collar set off an extensive dark cap which extended forward and below the bill, which made the bird appear "dark faced" yet not completely hooded. It appeared short-tailed and no extended central tail feathers were noted. Lighting was still fairly poor at the time of sighting, but I got the sense of a bi-colored bill that was set off from the darker face. Separated from Parasitic by heavy jizz, short tail, extensive dark cap/face and the impression of a bi-colored bill. It passed no more than 150 feet from my position at closest approach.

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

see above in description

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

see above in description

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

Yes

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