

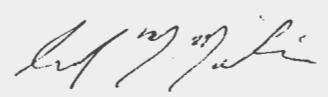
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PARASITIC JAEGER
Stercorarius parasiticus

Date...November 3, 1991
 Location...Gull Point, Presque Isle State Park, Erie Co., PA
 Time...9:00 AM to 9:23 AM
 Optics...10 X 40 Zeiss Dyalyt Binocular and 25X Bushnell Space-
 master Spotting Scope.
 Weather...Cloudy (cumulostratus), wind west-southwest to approx.
 30 mph, temp. about 35°F, visibility good.
 Description...While conducting the waterbird count between the
 tip of Gull Point and Beach 10 parking lot, a jaeger suddenly
 appeared in pursuit of a Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*)
 several hundred yards from shore. The jaeger appeared to be
 about the same size as the gull. The body appeared to be heavier
 than the gulls, but the wings were as narrow and were not as
 long as the gulls. The white "flashes" at the bases of the out-
 er primaries was distinctive, less so on the upperside. The
 wing linings were pale and heavily barred. The rest of the bird
 was entirely dark brown or blackish, which included the entire
 head and nape, breast, belly, upper and undertail coverts, back,
 and upperwings. After a couple of minutes the jaeger flew rapid-
 ly in a westerly direction to a feeding flock of Herring (*Larus*
argentatus), Ring-billed, and Bonaparte's Gulls (*L. philadelphia*)
 at which time the jaeger began pursuing Ring-billed Gulls only
 for at least 20 minutes before disappearing. At one point while
 the jaeger was chasing an adult Ring-billed Gull, a basic I Herr-
 ing Gull was chasing the jaeger. The Herring was clearly much
 larger and paler than the jaeger. The jaeger occasionally soar-
 ed with its wings bent at the wrists and held below the horizon-
 tal. The spread tail could be seen when it turned which was
 tapered towards the tip and was pointed not blunt. There were
 no white crecents (underprimary coverts) below the white primary
 bases, which Pomarine Jaegers (*S. pomarinus*) usually show.

Jerry McWilliams



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Parasitic Jaeger**

Date of Sighting: **3 November 1991 to 3 November 1991**

Observer(s): **Jerry McWilliams**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Jerry McWilliams**

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J. Skinner			X				
TOTALS			6				
DECISION			X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Bm Haas

Date:

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