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Names of additional observers	Harold Lebo and Matt Wlasniewski
Species (Common Name)	Parasitic Jaeger
Species (Scientific Name)	Stercorarius parasiticus
Subspecies (if known)	
Number of individuals	2
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	sub adult intermediate plumage
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 8:45 AM
County	Berks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Leesport
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Ontelaunee (at fisherman's pull-off Route 73)
GPS coordinates of sighting	
Habitat	lake
Distance to bird	less than half way out in the lake
Viewing conditions	light rain/misty
Optical equipment used	leica telescope APO-televid 77
Description	Two jaegers sitting together on the water. I could see the jaeger shape and the dark forehead and crown with the light gray/buffy nape extending to the throat. the bill was dark and the wings were dark. The chest

was also dark, but not as dark as the wings. I was looking at the tail for the tail extension, but could not see them. I waited for the birds to fly, and after a half an hour, the birds took off together and circled, then I could see two short pointed tail extensions. The wings of course, were long and pointed with a light patch on the underside near the tip.

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

As above, the birds were sitting on the water. After about a half hour of watching them, the birds lifted up circled and eventually, lost them in the clouds.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Birds that would be similar would be the other jaegers or a skua. It was not heavy enough to be a skua. The wings were too narrow and a skua would not have tail extensions. And the light nape extending to the throat would also rule out a skua. As for the other jaegers, it did not look like a Pomarine, because the bill was small and all dark. And the tail extensions were pointed. It did not look like a Long-tailed because the plumage did not match.

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

These birds looked like the picture in the Sibley guide on page 198 bottom middle. The Intermediate adult breeding, but without the tail extensions. So I am thinking the bird must not be a full adult since the tail extensions were short. And the way this bird has the dark forehead and crown with the buffy nape looks just like my two birds. I don't see the other two jaegers on the other pages looking like this. In my birding experience, I have seen many jaegers, but all have been light phases.

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

yes

During

National Geographic

After

Sibley, Seabirds Harrison

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

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