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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Thomas Johnson
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Parasitic Jaeger
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Stercorarius parasiticus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 7:00 AM
<b>County</b>	Philadelphia
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Philadelphia
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Pennypack on the Delaware
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.025197,-75.0129318
<b>Habitat</b>	river
<b>Distance to bird</b>	100 meters
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	overcast, some light rain on/ off
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski scope, Leica Ultravid
<b>Description</b>	Cameron Rutt spotted this bird floating downriver. It was clearly a jaeger by its size (like a small-medium gull) and pattern of dark/ light contrast. The back and wings were dark slaty-brown, almost brown-black. After careful scope study, we identified this bird as a subadult Parasitic Jaeger by its tidy dark cap that started near the top of the base of the bill and swept back to the top of the nape, more restricted in shape than Pomarine Jaeger would be at a comparable age. The bill was slim (and parallel-sided) and the head appeared very small relative to the body, good

	Parasitic traits. The pale, whitish throat blended into a smooth, darker gray nape. The flanks appeared to be marked weakly with dark bars. Tail details were not observed.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Floating downriver. It never flew.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	Pomarine Jaeger was eliminated by cap pattern and size/ shape of head and bill. This was too stout and dark above to be a subadult Long-tailed Jaeger.
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	Yes - good scope views. I've studied several hundred (probably >1000) of each species of jaeger on the coast, at sea, and on the breeding grounds). Photos are suggestive (not sure they're diagnostic though).
<b>During</b>	None
<b>After</b>	None
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	Photograph
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