

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Observer's Address</b>	P.O. Box 135 Revere PA 18953 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Parasitic Jaeger
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Stercorarius parasiticus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Breeding Adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-31-2015 7:30 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Hartsville
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Bradford Dam Reservoir
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	100 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	cloudy
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica 10x42 binoculars
<b>Description</b>	<p>I stopped at Bradford Dam to scan for shorebirds (it can be a good spot for them) and walked down to the water to take a look. Not much was there so I started heading back towards my truck. As I was walking away from the lake, I took one last look back at the lake. I spotted a brownish, Ring-billed Gull sized bird flying over the water towards the dam. I put the bins up quick and couldn't believe what I was looking at! An adult Parasitic Jaeger! I looked at it for a couple seconds and could see the dark cap, yellow cheek/neck and the extended, pointed central tail feathers then reached for the camera. I managed to get 14 pictures as it flew past then up over the trees going southeast.</p>

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

In flight the whole time I observed it

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

The central tail feathers were only a couple inches longer than the rest of the tail, pointed and were nice and neat. They did not appear to be short because they were broken. The central tail feathers were not long (like Long-tailed) or long and twisted (like Pomarine). The body was not heavy like a Pomarine and the under tail coverts were not dark like Pomarine. The belly was clean white and not dusky like Long-tailed.

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

yes

**After**

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

Photograph

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



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