

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	P.O. Box 135 Revere PA 18953 United States
Species (Common Name)	Parasitic Jaeger
Species (Scientific Name)	Stercorarius parasiticus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	intermediate juvenile
Observation Date and Time	09-17-2017 11:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
Link to eBird checklist	I'd rather not have this in eBird because it is private property and may encourage people to trespass
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Tullytown
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Van Sciver Lakes
Habitat	lake
Distance to bird	from less than 100 feet to a couple hundred yards
Viewing conditions	cloudy
Optical equipment used	Leica 10x42 binoculars and Leica APO Televid 77 scope

Description

I was scanning across the water with the scope when this dark bird came into view flying very fast with quick wing beats. I followed it and saw it chase after Laughing Gulls on several occasions. I quickly realized it was a jaeger but wasn't immediately sure which one because of the distance. I saw it land so I drove down the road and got closer. It was still there when I arrived and I could see the longer, narrow, grayish bill with a dark tip. It flew several times and I could see a decent amount of white at the base of the primaries on the upper and under side of the wings and at the base of the tail. The overall color was a warm brown and it was larger than the Laughing Gulls it was chasing.

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

Sitting on the water at times and when in flight, usually chasing Laughing Gulls

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Pomarine Jaeger was eliminated because the bill was too slender and long looking, there was too much white in the wings and tail, warmer brown overall, lack of the white crescent on the primary coverts, overall size was too small and the body wasn't heavy looking

Long-tailed Jaeger was eliminated because the bill was too long, just the tip of the bill was black, way too much white on the upperside of the wings, too much white in the tail, the warm brown color,

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

Coincidentally, this was the same day the one showed up at Prince Gallitzin Lake. Both birds probably came in with the remnants of one of the tropical systems, I think it was Hurricane Irma.

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

yes

During

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After

The Seabirds book

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

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