

Submission Date	2013-03-18 17:58:38
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1443 Wheaton Lane City: North Wales State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19454 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	I only saw pictures and the dead bird. I am reporting it because those who handled it were not birders.
Species (Common Name)	Dovekie
Species (Scientific Name)	Alle Alle
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	?
Observation Date and Time	12-21-2012 12:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
Link to eBird checklist	N/A
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Hope
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Home
GPS coordinates of sighting	Not known
Habitat	Driveway of home
Distance to bird	Picked up injured by homeowner/I saw photo
Viewing conditions	N/A
Optical equipment used	N/A
Description	Matt Danihel who volunteers at the Aark wildlife rehab. sent Gerry Dewaghe a picture of a Dovekie found in a driveway 12/21 by homeowner Stephenie Ponist who brought it in with a broken leg. The bird was identified by the AARK director Leah Stallings.

	<p>Unfortunately, the bird died a couple of days later. A picture is attached taken by Zach Boles who is another volunteer at the Aark. I think the picture should be adequate for the documentation. If not good enough, I can ask Nate Rice at the Academy of Natural Sciences to document the specimen more scientifically.</p>
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	<p>Driveway with broken leg.</p>
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	<p>I am no expert, but it most closely matches the Dovekie in Sibley and in pictures I found on the Internet.</p>
Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	<p>On 12/20 and 12/21 there were strong winds and heavy rain overnight. At Cape May Point, 31 Dovekies and 9 Razorbills were observed leaving Delaware Bay in the early morning of 12/21. The Dovekie count was reported as a modern day record per a post to the NJ ABA Birding News site. A similar occurrence in 1932 referred to as a "wreck" of Dovekies in the same post provided one of two other Bucks Co. records. The specimen was given to the Academy of Natural Sciences in good condition.</p>
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	<p>Yes, see photo.</p>
During	<p>N/A</p>
After	<p>Sibley Guide, Internet photos</p>
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	<p>Photograph</p>
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	<p>Dovekie12-21-12 Zack Boles.jpg</p>
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