













**PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM**

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania.

Send documentation to:

**Nick Pulcinella, Secretary**  
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee  
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**SPECIES** (common and scientific name) loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

**Subspecies** (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS** one **SEX(ES)** - unknown

**AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S)** (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): Adult

**DATE OF OBSERVATION** May 27, 2012 **TIME** 8:39 AM to about 9 AM

**LOCATION** (city, borough, township) Tinicum Township

**EXACT SITE** (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Cafferty Road near the entrance to Van Sant Airport . The bird was initially observed on a sign along the access drive to airport.

**OBSERVER REPORTING:**

**Name:** Mark Gallagher

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**City:** Yardley, PA

**ZIP:** 19067

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**OTHER OBSERVERS** (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): NA

**HABITAT** (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Grassland habitat associated with airport. Grassland habitat and scrub/shrub habitat is also present on adjacent properties.

**DISTANCE TO BIRD** Within 30 feet at several points during the observation.

**VIEWING CONDITIONS** (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you), Overcast but not raining when the bird was initially observed. Rain began later and rained relatively heavily soon after the bird could not found.

**"jizz"** (e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): The bird was perched relative close to the car and was quite obliging while being photographed. As can be seen from the photographs the bird had a gray back, dark wings and mask and a white belly. Each of the colors was distinct. The dark mask and short stubby bill were apparent. The bird was also observed feeding on insects while in the road.

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(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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

The bird moved from perch to perch, and while in the access road was observed feeding on insects.

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**VOCALIZATIONS**

None heard

**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:**

**Photograph** several taken **Video recording** \_\_\_\_\_ **Audio recording** \_\_\_\_\_ **Drawing** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photographer/recorder/illustrator:**

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Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

Photographs are attached to the email.

**IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD: NA**

General condition \_\_\_\_\_

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known \_\_\_\_\_

**SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES** (how you eliminated others) The bird was a surprise at this location but I just got back from FL and saw the species on several occasions. The bird was initially perched on a road sign along the access drive to the airport. After being flushed from this location the bird flew a short distance to stand along the edge of the road. While on the road it was observed feeding on insects. Its profile and coloration were unique and obviously different from the mockingbirds that were present nearby. The chest was clean and unmarked which helped to preclude northern shrike. Once it left the road it perched on another sign. From that point on it moved from one low perch to another except for a quick stop onto one of the barns near the intersection of Caffery Road and Headquarters Road. The last perch that I saw the bird was when it was on the wind sock at the end of the runway.

**DISCUSSION** – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it  
No, in this case the photographs should help confirm the ID.

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**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES**

As previously indicated I had the opportunity to recently see this species on several occasion while vacationing in FL this past April. This is my first observation of this species outside of a southern state.

**ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ?** (why or why not)

Yes.

**REFERENCES CONSULTED:**

During observation - National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America fifth edition and Sibley's Field Guide to Birds

After observation: Ebird to see range and locations of recent and past observations

**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** May 29, 2012

**SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER** Mark Gallagher

## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Loggerhead Shrike      *Lanius ludovicianus*

Date of Sighting: 27 May 2012 to 27 May 2012

County : BUCKS

Location : TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Observer(s): Mark Gallagher

Date of Submission: 2012

Submitted by: Mark Gallagher

SCAN PHOTOS ONLY

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

**Votes / Comments:**

**Ben Coulter**      **Class I Diagnostic Photograph**

**Cameron Rutt**      **Class I Diagnostic Photograph**

**Dave DeReamus**      **Class I Diagnostic Photograph**

I agree with this identification.

**Devich Farbotnik**      **Class I Diagnostic Photograph**

**Drew Weber**      **Class I Diagnostic Photograph**

In addition to timing favoring Loggerhead Shrike, plumage overall fits, as well as the shorter stubby bill.

**Mike Lanzone**      **Class I Diagnostic Photograph**

**Mike Fiakovich**      **Class I Diagnostic Photograph**

Glad photographs were included because the mask was not described in the written documentation.

**Vote Totals:** Class I P - 7

**Decision:** Accepted

Signature (Secretary)      Janet Getgood

Date: 10/21/2012