

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2019-05-02 22:05:54
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Carol Hildebrand, Charlie Hildebrand, Wayne Laubscher, Sean Herrmann, Eric Zawatski, Elizabeth Zbegner
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Loggerhead shrike
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Lanius ludovicianus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-01-2019 6:10 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S55648188">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S55648188</a>
<b>County</b>	Clinton
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Lock Haven
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	831 Island Road
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N 41.150091 W 77.385995
<b>Habitat</b>	Agriculture fields with a house and some yard trees nearby
<b>Distance to bird</b>	50-75 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Cloudy, flat lighting, light wind.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Nikon Monarch 10x42 binoculars, Leupold Ventana 15-45 spotting scope, Canon 80D with Tamron 150-600mm lens.

**Description**

Bird was perched alone on power lines during our observation, so nothing nearby for comparison. Overall a roughly Blue jay sized bird with unstreaked light gray underparts, black tail and wings with white patch in primaries, blue-gray crown, nape, and upper back with pale gray rump area. Bird had a thick dark mask, black bill with distinct hooked upper mandible. Legs and feet were black.

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

Bird was perched on the power lines upon our arrival and it was vocalizing frequently, repeating a few phrases. It adjusted its position and direction it was facing a couple times while we watched, but mostly just sat watching the fields and us. It flew from its perch about 12 minutes after we arrived. I did not see it fly but those that did said it somewhat dove from its perch toward the ground then hugged the ground, flying toward a distant tree line, out of sight.

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

Compared to N. shrike, this bird had a thicker black mask that continued thick black through the lores area and wrapped up over the bill. It showed no white line above the black mask or below the eye as Northern typically does. The bill was completely black, where Northern typically shows a variable amount of gray in the lower mandible. It had a general appearance of being smaller, daintier than a Northern shrike.

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

Carol and Charlie Hildebrand, and Wayne Laubscher were also able to obtain photos. Eric Zawatski also obtained photos and an audio recording. They could probably provide additional notes and media if desired. The photos attached to this report belong to Sean Herrmann.

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

I am positive in the Loggerhead shrike identification because of the cumulative physical and behavioral features that point toward Loggerhead over Northern.

**During**

iBird Pro phone app, Audubon phone app, Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America

**After**

Crossley ID Guide, All About Birds, many online photos, OFO page (<http://www.ofo.ca/site/page/view/articles.shrikeid>)

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

Photograph  
Audio

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

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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2019-05-07 21:36:32
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Brian Schmoke, Sean Herrmann
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Loggerhead Shrike
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Lanius
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	ludovicianus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult, sexually monomorphic sp.
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-01-2019 7:50 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S55651449">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S55651449</a>
<b>County</b>	Clinton
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Lock Haven
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Island Road
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	41.149869, -77.386705
<b>Habitat</b>	Open farm fields
<b>Distance to bird</b>	No more than 5 meters
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Overcast, did not see the bird until dusk
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Binoculars and Vortex Razor scope

<b>Description</b>	Obvious shrike, beautifully patterned and colored. RWBL sized, with a broad black mask extending from the bill through the eye and into the auriculars. All dark bill with hooked culmen. Clean unmarked breast and belly light grayish in color. Darker gray crown extending through the mantle. Wings mostly black with a small white patch noticeable when bird was perched. I did not see it fly so I could not note the tail pattern.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Perched on a telephone wire, calling/singing regularly and seemingly indifferent to my presence close by or the cars flying by. Bird did not move or fly for the 10-15 minutes I viewed it and it was still perched on the wire when I left at dark. Habit of perching on telephone lines consistent with a common behavior of this species in my experience.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	Separated from NSHR by the much broader black mask fully encompassing the eye, lack of a thick white stripe above the eye, clean unstreaked breast, richer grays and blacks overall, and a smaller, "daintier" bill with hook of culmen less conspicuous.  Obviously not a NOMO.
<b>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</b>	According to eBird data, NSHR has not been recorded after the first week of April in Pennsylvania, and there are only a handful of those records. Also, all of these are in the far NW portion of the state near Lake Erie.  Bird was initially seen by Elizabeth Zbegner during the late afternoon earlier in the day, and unfortunately not seen the following morning despite many skilled observers searching for it.
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	Yes, bird matches all ID characteristics of LOSH
<b>During</b>	Sibley App
<b>After</b>	N/A
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	Photograph Audio
<b>Upload images, audio, video or drawings</b>	



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