

4 December 1994

Ronald Leberman
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Meadville, PA 16335

Dear Ron,

Thank you for submitting details on the Thayer's Gull you saw at Woodcock Lake on 26 March 1994 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. Most committee members felt that the description given was too brief for a concrete determination to be made. This does not mean of course that the bird wasn't a Thayer's Gull. If you have any more details of this sighting (particularly a detailed plumage description), we encourage you to re-submit this record to P.O.R.C.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible.

Sincerely

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 348-02-1994

Crowford

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Thayer's Gull"
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On March 26th I observed a large Gull on a ice shelf just off the causeway that crosses the Eastern end of Woodcock Lake.

The bird was about 150 feet away but in good position and in bright (9:30 AM) mid-morning sunlight. It was stationary for the full time I watched it - 20 minutes, in my 30x telescope. The brown eye was well noted very unlike the yellow eye of a Herring Gull. The bird sat next to 2 King-Lin. Gulls for good comparison of size. These were slightly less red on the bill compared to adult Herring gulls that I noticed right away. If it was indeed a Thayer's Gull it would most likely be a new record for Crawford Co., at least that I am aware of.

Ronald L. Selman

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*)

Date of Sighting: 26 March 1994 to 26 March 1994

Location: WOODCOCK LAKE

County: CRAWFORD

Observer(s): Ronald Leberman

Date of Submission: 1994

Submitted by: Ronald Leberman

Written Description: YES Photo: NO Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas						X		
N. Pulcinella						X		
E. Kwater						X		
R. Ickes				X				
G. McWilliams							X	
P. Schwalbe						X		
J. Skinner						X		
TOTALS				1		5	1	
DECISION						X		

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

9-25-94