

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
210 Welcome Ave. Norwood, PA 19074

5 February 2002

Jason Horn
5020 S. Mountain Dr.
Emmaus, PA 18049

Dear Jason,

Thank you for submitting documentation of the Thayer's Gull at Tullytown landfill on 14 February 2000. After careful review, the Committee regrets that it has voted not to accept the record.

The members believed unanimously that the brief description did not contain sufficient information to separate this often-difficult species from other gulls, especially Iceland at that species' relatively dark extreme of variation.

Non-acceptance of course does not mean the gull you reported was not a Thayer's, but rather that the Committee felt that the documentation did not enable us to make a conclusive identification.

We hope this will not discourage you from submitting reports of rare birds you may find in the future.

Sincerely,



For the Committee:
Paul Hess, Chairman

Record No. 348-01-2000

348-01-2009

Unusual Bird Report

Person submitting data Jason Horn Date _____
Address 5050 S Mountain Dr Emukus Pt 18049 Phone (610) 967-4978 (Jason)
Observers Jason Horn, Jan Oelbuck Date(s) Seen 2/14/00
Bill Murphy How long observed 15 min

Where Observed Tullytown landfill
Conditions of observation About 11 AM - clear - 100 yards to the bird

(Time of day, weather, distance to bird, optics, etc)

Behavior & Habitat bird at the Delaware River
(what was the bird doing, what habitat was it in.)

Species Thayers Gull

Number seen 1

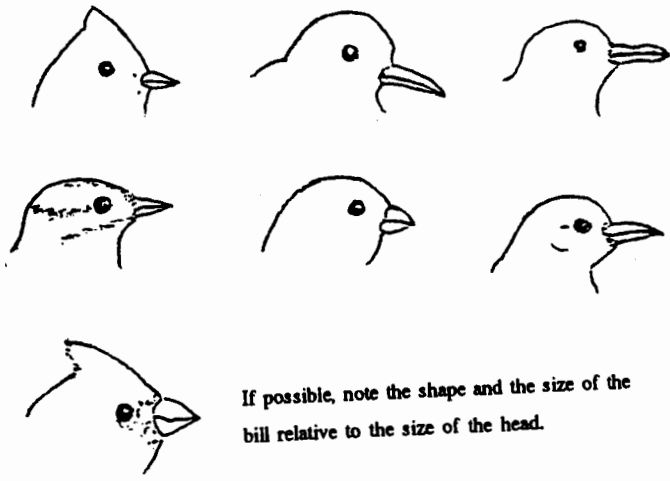
Description

(Describe size, color & pattern above & below, head, bill, wings, tail, sex, age, etc. as needed - use drawings on reverse side if helpful.)

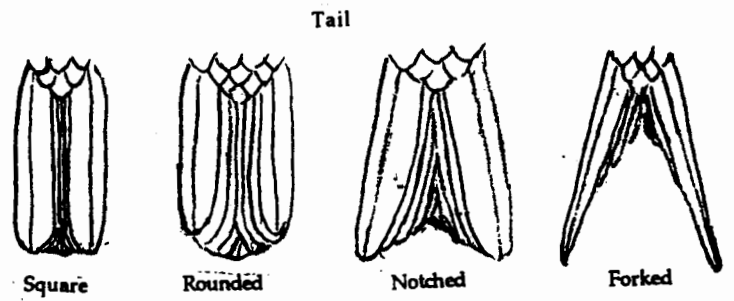
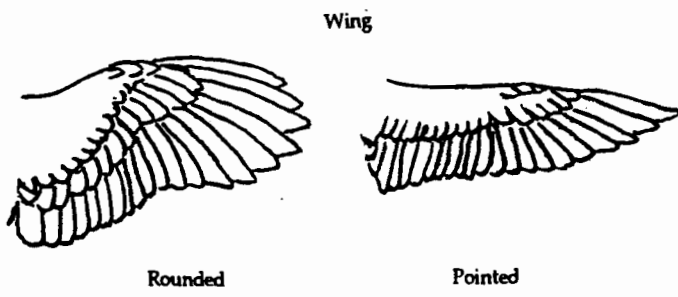
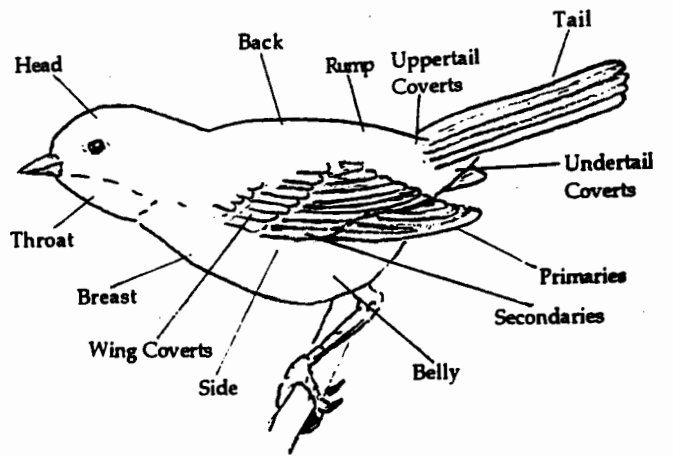
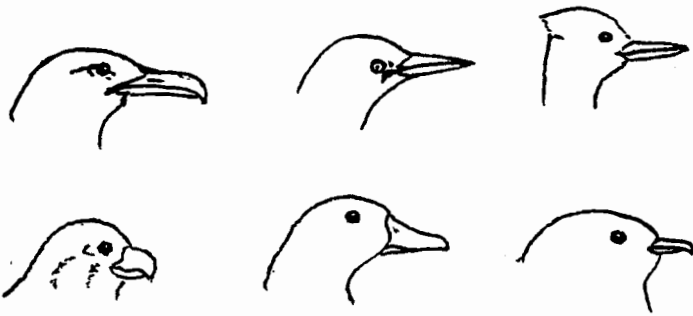
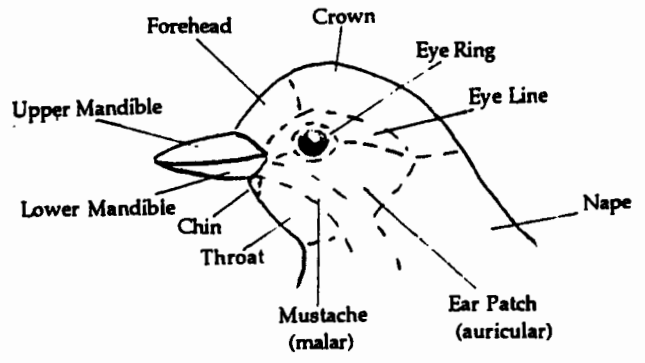
size: smaller than Herring Gull
color: dark similar to young Iceland Gull
creamy brown color overall
wings slightly lighter than tail
primaries dark on tips in flight
dark eye
dark bill

Similar Species

(what similar species might it be and how can they be eliminated from consideration.)



If possible, note the shape and the size of the bill relative to the size of the head.



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Thayer's Gull (Larus thayeri)

Date of Sighting: 14 February 2000 to 14 February 2000

Location: BUCKS

County: TULLYTOWN LANDFILL

Observer(s): Jason Horn, Ian Baldock, Bill Murphy

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Jason Horn

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

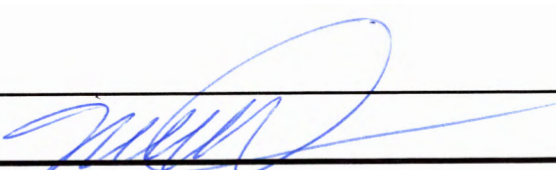
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Recording: No			Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead					X			
D. Couchman					X			
P. Hess					X			
R. Ickes				X				
B. Reid					X			
P. Rodewald					X			
M. Sharp					X			
TOTALS				1	6			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 0/7

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 5/6/01