

Submission Date	2012-10-30 20:10:05
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1919 Leisure Run Rd. City: Rochester Mills State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15771 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Lee Carnahan, Gloria (do not know last name), and one other fellow.
Species (Common Name)	Pomarine Jaeger
Species (Scientific Name)	Stercorarius pomarinus
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Light Adult in nonbreeding plumage
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 9:45 AM
County	Indiana
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Penn Run, Brush Valley Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Yellow Creek State Park, Swimming Beach
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 40.579216, W -79.006046
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	0.500 meters
Viewing conditions	Overcast conditions, but scope views were relatively decent
Optical equipment used	Vortex Skyline 80 and Leigh was using a Swarovski spotting scope
Description	The bird first appeared bulky similar to a gull, but the wing beat was not gull-like instead more flat and powerful. The wings were broad and almost plank-like and the bird was mostly dark above and had a white belly, while the head was dark. there were white patches near the wingtips, dark, black vent, and the

tail feathers did not come to a point like a parasitic.

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

The bird was circling up and out of the lake, before leaving the area.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The relatively large size eliminated Long-tailed Jaeger. The vent on the bird appeared to be darker and more black than what a Parasitic would show and the tail feathers did not come to a point, which would suggest Parasitic as well. The belly was white, but the neck was dark where a parasitic should show more white on the neck.

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

Yes, based on the flight behavior suggesting a jaeger and plumage characteristics pointing to Pomarine. Bird was observed for at least two minutes by three observers and the final impression was Pomarine Jaeger.

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