

(2) Pomarine/Parasitic jaeger

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Location: Sunset Point, Presque Isle S.P., Erie, Pa.

Date: November 19, 2013

Time: 8:25 AM

Weather: Cloudy, wind NW to 25 mph, temp. 35 F

Viewing distance: about one mile from shore

Optics: Swarovski 8 X 42 Binocular and Kowa TSN 884 Prominar spotting scope from 30X to 60X

Details: While conducting the waterbird count from a high hard pan sand dune just east of Sunset Point I spotted two immature light morph jaegers flying low and moving to the west. They were flying about 100 feet apart. The over-all black appearance, their size, falcon-like behavior with flashes of white at the bases of their under primaries, and some underwing and belly barring identified them as jaegers. They were just too far away to be sure of whether they were Parasitics or Pomarines, but based upon their behavior compared to the one I saw fifteen minutes earlier I would have to bet they were most likely Parasitics. At this point I am going to be conservative and call them Pomarine/Parasitic jaegers.