

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Storm-petrel species - Possibly Leach's -
Subspecies, if known _____

Oceanodroma leucorhoa

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) _____

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): _____

DATE OF OBSERVATION Sept 19, 2003 TIME 530 pm DST

LOCATION (city, borough, township) near Howard, Centre Co.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Bald Eagle State Park - near Howard ca

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Greg Grove
Address R.P. 1 Box 483
City Petersburg State Pa ZIP 16669
e-mail (optional) gwg2@psv.edu phone (optional) 814 667 2305

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

Deb Grove

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) over lake

DISTANCE TO BIRD over 300 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) cloudy, good visibility

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Swarovski 10 x 42 EL

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; “jizz”= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): _____

~~#~~ Dark bird (black, dark brown) – at distance seen, could not distinguish plumage field marks

Size – somewhat larger than Tree Swallows also present (i.e. approx. 33% wider wingspan)

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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

Flight: Erratic – bat-like, butterfly-like
– just over water surface
– no straight ahead flight or swooping (like Swallow)

VOCALIZATIONS _____

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) _____

Tentative ID as Leach's based only on flight characteristics
- based on descriptions in Nat. Geog. guide
for Leach's, Wilson's, Band-rumped

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it _____

Isabel related
Leach's had also been reported 2 hours earlier at
nearby location

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES _____

limited storm petrel experience

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) _____

No - based only on flight character as described
in Nat Geog. guide

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation _____

After observation Nat Geog.

DATE OF THIS REPORT: September 27, 2003

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Gregory W Stone

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Storm-Petrel species (Oceanodroma species)

Date of Sighting: 19 September 2003 to 19 September 2003

Location: BALD EAGLE STATE PARK

County : CENTRE

Observer(s): Greg Grove, Deb Grove

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Greg Grove

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

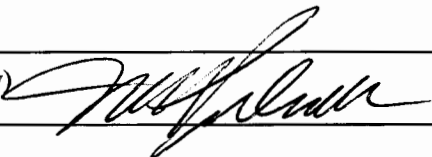
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
D. Heathcote					X			
P. Guris					X			
J. Stanley					X			
E. Witmer				X				
R. Leberman				X				
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS			1	3	3			
DECISION				X				

Comments: 1/6

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/26/04