

Submission Date	2012-08-14 11:27:36
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Address	Street Address: 2590 River Rd City: Willoughby Hills State / Province: OH Postal / Zip Code: 44094 Country: United States
Other observers who saw the bird	
Species (Common Name)	Piping Plover
Species (Scientific Name)	Charadrius melodus
Subspecies (if known)	
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult in non-breeding plumage
Observation Date and Time	08-12-2012 11:05 AM
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Presque Isle, PA
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Presque Isle State Park, Running along the beach about halfway to gull point from the trailhead parking lot.
GPS coordinates of sighting	42.171578,-80.079088
Habitat	on the beach a few feet from the lake
Distance to bird	varied, approx 20-100 feet
Viewing conditions	Partly Cloudy, mid-upper 70s, beautiful day.
Optical equipment used	Nikon Action binoculars, FujiFilm HS30exr camera
Description	Non-breeding plumage. light tan (sand colored) and white plover, with a black beak and black eyes, and orange legs. Orange leg band at the top of its left leg, above the

knee, yellow at the ankle. It looks like there was also a golden-yellow band on the lower right leg, possibly a white or metal band at the top right.

See more complete commentary, and pictures:
<http://dparsons-birding.blogspot.com/2012/08/birding-in-pennsylvania-8-12-2012.html#more>

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

It was running along the beach. It was interacting with me really - I walked along a few times, and it kept running along to keep up. Some other people walked past at one point, and it went out of sight a bit, but then it came back near me.

It wasn't really eating or anything, just seeming to be enjoying the day.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The only 2 possibilities were Snowy or Piping Plover, and Snowy Plovers don't have orange legs. It also had a rather clear black block on its tail, visible when flying, which further confirms it as Piping, not Snowy.

Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

I posted a pretty in-depth commentary on my blog about this bird, including several decent pictures.
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Are you positive of your identification? (Why or why not)

Yes - I have seen both a Piping and a Snowy Plover before, which makes me more confident it was one of those 2. It isn't really an easily-confused bird, given that I had a very good look at it.

During

Peterson Eastern North America. Sibley Eastern North America

After

AllAboutBirds (Cornell's site), Wikipedia

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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