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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1216 Wilson Avenue City: Chambersburg State / Province: Pa Postal / Zip Code: 17201 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Chris Blaza, Lori Nichols
Species (Common Name)	Piping Plover
Species (Scientific Name)	Charadrius melodus
Number of individuals	2
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 05:45 PM
County	Franklin
Location (City, Borough, Township)	St Thomas Twp
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	End of Edgewater Drive
Habitat	Flooded pasture meadow along Back Creek
Distance to bird	40 yards
Viewing conditions	Cloudy late afternoon
Optical equipment used	Eagle Optics Vortex scope
Description	small plover structure, chunky, low to the ground, very light upperside, very white underneath, very light face with black eye that stood out by itself, light collar, stubby bill, did not get leg color due to grass and less than ideal light
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	2 bird stayed on grass parts of flooded field moving around very low to the ground compared to other shorebirds They stood out because of being so much lighter than anything else. Looked like to white kids at recess on a inner-city playground.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Eliminated Semipalmated, Wilson's - due to coloration and plain face. Eliminated Snowy due to plain face, stockiness, geography.

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

No photos were taken. The birds were not seen the next morning.

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

Yes. Coloration, structure, plain face with dot of an eye, my previous sightings of species at NJ, Del, Fla coast.

During

none

After

Sibley

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