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Names of additional observers	Jeffery Davis, Bert Harris, Ben Schweinhart, and David S. Wilcove
Species (Common Name)	Pomarine Jaeger
Species (Scientific Name)	Stercorarius pomarinus
Number of individuals	19
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	3 adults, 16 subadults
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 10:30 AM
County	Delaware
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Chester
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Norris Street
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.834888,-75.372219
Habitat	Delaware River
Distance to bird	When closest, the birds were directly overhead, at a height of approximately 30 feet.
Viewing conditions	Steady rain post Hurricane Sandy.
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Victory FL 10 x 42 and Kowa TSN 4 scope
Description	Large, hefty larids, barrel-chested, with long, pointed wings showing white at the base of the primaries. Dark above, white belly, dark breast band, dark cap extending to face, white cheek and nape. Many showed short, blunt central tail feathers extending

slightly beyond the rest of the tail. A total of three showed long, blunt, twisted central tail feathers.

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

The birds appeared in two flocks. The first flock consisted of 7 birds and the second flock, of 12 birds, turned up 45 minutes later. Both flocks headed down river and, upon approaching the Commodore Barry Bridge, turned west and flew over land (and out of sight) rather than fly over or under the bridge. Several birds were seen harrassing Herring Gulls in flight.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The birds we saw were significantly heftier than both Parasitic and Long-tailed jaegers. Three displayed long, blunt, twisted central retrices.

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

Many other Pomarine Jaegers were reported on the Delaware River and elsewhere in Pennsylvania on this date.

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

Yes.

During

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After

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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