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Observer's Address	Street Address: 108 Davids Ct City: Jonestown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17038 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Tim Becker, David McNaughton, Ed Bellamy
Species (Common Name)	Leach's Storm-petrel
Species (Scientific Name)	Oceanodroma leucorhoa
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 6:00 PM
County	Lebanon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Annville, East Hanover Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Memorial Lake State Park
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	15 feet
Viewing conditions	Fading light, light rain
Optical equipment used	10X42 Vortex Binocular, Canon 7D with 100-400 mm zoom lens
Description	Small dark storm petrel, little to no white on the rump while sitting. Only seen floating at water's edge. Bill shape points to petrel due to presence of the salt gland on top of bill.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Floating on water's edge. Made no movements, presumably tired out from the day's events.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Did not get a great look at rump but what could be seen did not reveal enough white to be a Wilson's Storm Petrel or Band-rumped.

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

Leach's Storm-petrels were found in many places during the day due to hurricane Sandy. This was one of two birds initially seen by Tim Becker. This is the only bird I observed on the lake in the short time I was present. Other birders viewed my photo and confirmed the ID, such as Cameron Rutt.

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

Yes, mostly through confirmation from photographs and from other trusted and more experienced birders, due to my lack of previous experience with storm-petrels.

During

Sibley Guide to Birds Eastern, IBird Pro Explorer iPhone App, Audubon Guide to Birds iPhone App

After

The Crossley Guide to Birds Eastern, Sibley Guide to Birds

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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