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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1128 W Beaver Ave Street Address Line 2: Apt A City: State College State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 16801 Country: United States
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Species (Common Name)	Wilson's Storm-petrel
Species (Scientific Name)	Oceanites oceanicus
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Observation Date and Time	10-31-2012 10:10 AM
County	Huntingdon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Penn
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	mile marker 8.5 on Raystown Lake at Seven Points Marina.
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.376269, -78.065807
Habitat	open water on inland freshwater lake
Distance to bird	150 feet
Viewing conditions	overcast day with slight breeze and light rain
Optical equipment used	Leupold Wind River 10x50 binoculars and Lowa
Description	Small dark brown tube-nosed bird with white rump patch, buffy/gray carpal bars, dark bill, dark legs, and squared off tail. Legs projected behind the tail when the bird was soaring. White feathers on rump wrapped around the sides of the body.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	The bird was "dancing" on the water and feeding on the water surface all day. It would dance along the water for about 50 feet then pick up and soar about 4

feet off the water for up to 200 feet then dance along the water while feeding. The dancing consisted of fluttering or steady extended wings while briefly touching the water with its feet as it moved along the surface of the water.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The only similar species would be European Storm-petrel, Leach's Storm-petrel, and Band-rumped Storm-petrel. The bird appeared smaller than Leach's Storm-petrel which I had observed the day before. The legs projected behind the tail, which would rule out any other storm-petrel. The tail was squared off and white rump patch wrapped around the sides of the body, which would also rule out European, Band-rumped and Leach's Storm-petrels.

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

Not only did I identify the bird as a Wilson's Storm-petrel, but 11 other experienced reputable birders had close looks at the bird and had the same conclusion. Unfortunately no photos were taken that I am aware of.

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

Yes, I have seen the bird before and verified with 2 identification guides (Sibley's and Crossley) and was in agreement with all other observers present.

During

Sibley's Guide to Eastern Birds, Crossley ID Guide to Eastern Birds

After

Crossley ID Guide to Eastern Birds

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