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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Doug Gochfeld, Cameron Rutt
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Jaeger sp.
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Stercorarius sp.
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 7:00 AM
<b>County</b>	Philadelphia
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Philadelphia
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Pennypack on the Delaware
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.025197,-75.0129318
<b>Habitat</b>	river
<b>Distance to bird</b>	too far (+100 meters)
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	predawn, fully overcast, light wind
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica 7x42 Ultravid, Canon EOS 7D camera w/ 400 f/5.6 lens
<b>Description</b>	As soon as we began to scan, we saw a large, dark immature jaeger flying around with brisk wingbeats over the river. Despite impressions based on wing width, wing loading, and body shape that this was a Pomarine Jaeger, we never had definitive views of underwing coverts, tail projections, or bill size. It was all dark above with a paler rump and appeared to be mostly dark below. The wingbeats were faster and more falcon-like than a gull, and we all readily recognized it as a jaeger.

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

This jaeger flew in circles in near darkness and then gained altitude and flew out of our lives to the north.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

This was the issue.

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

Oh yes, this was certainly a jaeger.

**During**

None

**After**

None

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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