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| <b>Submission Date</b>                            | 2012-12-19 20:46:46   |
| <b>Observer's Name</b>                            | Tom Johnson   |
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| <b>Observer's Address</b>                         | Street Address: 24 Meadowood Drive<br>City: Hummelstown<br>State / Province: PA<br>Postal / Zip Code: 17036<br>Country: United States   |
| <b>Names of additional observers</b>              | Melissa Roach, Andy McGann, Doug Gochfeld, Cameron Rutt, others   |
| <b>Species (Common Name)</b>                      | Black-legged Kittiwake  |
| <b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>                  | Rissa tridactyla  |
| <b>Number of individuals</b>                      | 1   |
| <b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>          | Yes   |
| <b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>   | Juvenile  |
| <b>Observation Date and Time</b>                  | 10-30-2012 8:39 PM  |
| <b>County</b>                                     | Dauphin   |
| <b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>         | Marysville (Perry County)   |
| <b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b> | Susquehanna River   |
| <b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>                | 40.3400354,-76.9235229  |
| <b>Habitat</b>                                    | river   |
| <b>Distance to bird</b>                           | +250 meters   |
| <b>Viewing conditions</b>                         | overcast, low cloud ceiling, dark   |
| <b>Optical equipment used</b>                     | Leica 7x42 Ultravid, Swarovski ATSHD80 scope  |
| <b>Description</b>                                | I first saw this bird in flight through my binoculars at considerable distance and noticed the bright white "trailing edge triangles" in the wings and remarked about a possible Sabine's Gull. The bird landed and I got it in the scope - seeing its thick, somewhat stubby bill and that it was considerably larger than the 2 Bonaparte's Gulls that it landed with, I was able to tell that it was a young Black-legged Kittiwake. I got the |

others onto the bird and then we all were able to watch it fly toward us and see its distinctive dark "M" upperwing/ back pattern, thick black bill, etc. I sketched the bird soon after the observation and have attached a scan of that sketch.

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

Flying with Bonaparte's Gulls & sitting on the water.

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

I scanned a field sketch & notes out of my field notebook. This is attached.

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

Yes.

**During**

None

**After**

None

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

Drawing

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