

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-12-19 10:09:10
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 1920 Inverness Rd City: Montoursville State / Province: pA Postal / Zip Code: 17754 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Dave Ferry, Steve Pinkerton, Norwood Fredericks
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Leach's Storm-Petrel
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Oceanodroma leucorhoa
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 04:00 PM
<b>County</b>	Lycoming
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Gamble
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Rose Valley Lake <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">41.387467,-76.989362</span>
<b>Habitat</b>	lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	> 1000 ft
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	light rain, pretty good
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	10x Zeiss bins, 60x questar scope
<b>Description</b>	The following description was written up that evening, and I'm just now finally getting around to submitting this officially to PORC: Black (colored) storm-petrel, sitting on water, looked totally black on the water. Long wings protruded behind body, seemed to cross in back – gave appearance of forked tail. No white was visible on sides while perched in water – it looked totally black (see photo). Bill was noticeable – pretty long (less than width of head, but notable). It spent most of its time sitting on the water – no motion. At one point it lifted briefly from water while I had it in scope – and it presented a bold white rump patch visible, which seemed to be in two patches, but continued completely across rump. On the extended

wings, diagonal, brown (maybe a hint of reddish brown) stripes were evident on wings, very noticeable, diagonal across the wing. I didn't see shape of tail! Very lousy digiscope photos are available.

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

as described above. Except for that brief moment, the bird remained unmoving on the water.

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

The primary means was from the fact that we could see no white on the undertail area when the bird was sitting on the water. That eliminated other possible species.

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

Norwood Fredericks originally saw the bird, along with others (and Steve Pinkerton submitted the record to eBird, but I don't think any others submitted to PORC.

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

Yes - seasonal probability, and plumage.

**During**

Nat Geo 6th edition

**After**

same, and internet

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

Photograph

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