

PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2015-05-27 16:36:04
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Mary Birdsong, Jerry McWilliams
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Wilson's Plover
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Charadrius wilsonia
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Either non-breeding or first year. Some black feathers developing in the breast band
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-26-2015 10:50 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/edit/checklist?subID=S23654492">http://ebird.org/ebird/edit/checklist?subID=S23654492</a>
<b>County</b>	Erie
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Millcreek Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Presque Isle State Park, Gull Point
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	42.168430, -80.062675
<b>Habitat</b>	sand, beach
<b>Distance to bird</b>	10 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	overcast, good visibility
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Nikon Monarch 10 x 42 binoculars, Zeiss 20-75 x 85 spotting scope
<b>Description</b>	plover with brown mantle, white undersides, single brown/black breast band, white in the throat and in the lores. large head with large black eyes. Long, tan-pink legs Large black bill.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Bird was foraging heavily with an active, running feeding style
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	Semipalmated plovers also present. Wilsons' was larger, not as dark brown, had longer legs, no dark head band. Had much longer legs, darker

(browner) mantle and much larger solid black beak unlike SEPL or PIPL.

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

I was conducting shorebird monitoring at the time. I specifically search for piping plovers at Presque Isle and am very familiar with all plovers' appearances and attributes.

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

Yes. I had never seen a Wilson's before but as soon as I saw it, I knew it was not any plover I had seen. When I got a good look at the bill, I was convinced.

**During**

Sibley app

**After**

The Shorebird Guide--for learning further info.

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

Photograph

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