

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Name	Armas Hill
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Observer's Address	2124 Delaview Ave Wilmington DE 19810 United States
Names of additional observers	none
Species (Common Name)	Black-headed Gull
Species (Scientific Name)	Chroicocephalus ridibundus
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	12-07-2017 6:20 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Morrisville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Delaware River
Habitat	river
Distance to bird	about 100 yards
Viewing conditions	clear
Optical equipment used	zeiss binoculars 10x; did not have a camera with me, only binoculars
Description	with many gulls of 4 other species (Ring-billed, Herring, Great Black-backed, Lesser Black-backed) there was 1 adult Black-headed Gull, first-winter plumage with black marking on rear portion of face and with a reddish bill
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	seen flying upriver

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

although there were no Bonaparte's Gull at the time, it could be seen that the Black-headed Gull was larger than that species, close to Ring-billed size and the bill had a reddish tint, not black

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

I've seen hundreds, maybe thousands, of Black-headed Gull over the years in Japan and Europe

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

Yes, based on description above and previous experience

During

none

After

none

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