

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Carl and Kurt Engstrom, John Carter, Susan Braun, Julia Plummer, Alan MacEachren, Joe Verica
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Little Gull
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Hydrocoloeus minutus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult or very near adult in alternate plumage
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	04-11-2018 1:10 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S44467909">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S44467909</a>
<b>County</b>	Centre
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Potter Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Colyer Lake
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.773843, -77.682245
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	800-1000 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Partly Cloudy
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Scope and binoculars

**Description**

Adult or near adult bird with mostly black underwing and white edges to the primaries, almost in full alternate plumage sans for a little amount of white near the bill. Very small gull with black hood and light gray wings tipped white.

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

The bird was foraging on the wing primarily but also taking breaks to rest on the lake.

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

The bird was in a larger flock of Bonaparte's Gull allowing for easy comparison. The LIGU's smaller size, smaller bill, more complete hood, lack of eye arcs, white tipped primaries, choppy wingbeats, and most importantly the black underwings easily differentiated the species from the similar BOGU.

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

My eBird checklist as well as Carl Engstrom, Susan Braun, and Alan MacEachren's have photos of the bird. Only the fifth Centre County record!

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

Yes, because of easy comparison with BOGU and multiple other birders confirming later in the day.

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

Photograph

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