PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-07-16 19:51:24
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Observer's Address	101 Bridle Path New Holland PA 17557 United States
Names of additional observers	Zachary Millen, Mike Epler, Meredith Lombard
Species (Common Name)	Franklin's Gull
Species (Scientific Name)	Leucophaeus pipixcan
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult in prebasic molt
Observation Date and Time	07-15-2018 7:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S47209810
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Washington Boro
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Conejohela Flats
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.983563, -76.475964
Habitat	Mud flats and exposed rocks on Lake Clarke of the Susquehanna River
Distance to bird	20m
Viewing conditions	Overcast

Description	An adult in prebasic molt with some white coming in around the bill. Wing molt fairly advanced through P6 and numerous greater coverts missing. Short and slim bill, small rounded head, heavy arcs surrounding the rear of the eye, dark mantle, thick white tips to secondaries creating a thick bar, small black triangular wingtips with large white tips to the primaries.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	First observed on mudbar at the Conejohela Flats, then flew across the river to the vicinity of a gull flock along the York shore. At 10am was refound by Meredith at the rocks out from Blue Ln just south of Columbia where it loafed until at least 1pm.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Location listed in the report is the original sighting. 40.019295, -76.500905 is where it was seen at Blue Ln.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
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