

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-11-03 18:11:21
Observer's Name	Michael David
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Observer's Address	United States
Species (Common Name)	Sabine's Gull
Species (Scientific Name)	Xema sabini
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Juvenile
Observation Date and Time	09-11-2018 10:30 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S48437113
County	Indiana
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Penn Run
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Yellow Creek State Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.573517, -79.013382
Habitat	open water
Distance to bird	400-500 m
Description	Small gull (size of Bonaparte's Gull) with small bill. Brownish above with smudgy brown continuing down sides of neck; otherwise white below. In flight, distinctive white triangle along trailing wing edge on secondaries and inner primaries, and dark outer primaries and coverts.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Viewed flying around fairly high above the lake, and also sitting on the water.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	No other species has the bold 3-toned upperwing in flight formed by brown "shoulders", dark outer primaries, and white triangle along trailing edge.

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

Photo is way out but shows diagnostic wing pattern. I also have experience with 2 juvenile Sabine's Gulls in PA previously (Huntingdon and Clarion/Venango counties).

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

Yes, diagnostic photos taken

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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