

# PA Rare Bird Report

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## Documentation

<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Royal Tern
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Thalasseus maximus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	Saturday, June 19, 2021 14:30
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S90501812">https://ebird.org/checklist/S90501812</a>
<b>County</b>	ERIE
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Presque isle State Park
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Gull Point

**Habitat** palustrine sand plain/shoreline

**Distance to bird** 200 feet

**Viewing conditions** Relatively clear; some haze. Windy

**Optical equipment used** Zeiss Victory Diascope// Maven C3 10x32 binoculars

### Description

Tern was roosting on the southern most tip of the Gull Point peninsula with gulls and Caspian Tern. White body with pale gray mantle; beak a clean light orange. Cap had a crested appearance that changed with wind gusts.

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

Bird was roosting and preening.

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

Bill was distinctively much lighter than nearby CATE. While preening, could see lighter underwing tips indicative of ROYT, but not CATE. Video (with stopping) revealed a forked tail.

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

Photos and video of the bird were shared with others more familiar with the species.

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

## References Consulted

**During** Sibley app

**After** Sibley book, Jerry McWilliams

## Uploads

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

Photograph

Video

Upload images, audio, video or drawings





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