

Long Point Bird Observatory Rare Bird Report Form

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In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be confirmed for the historical record, it must be properly documented. LPBO cooperators are therefore asked to complete a form in every case where a rarity is being claimed. Guidance as to which species are considered rare in the Long Point area may be obtained from the LPBO Program Coordinator and in the Long Point Area Checklist found in *A Birding Guide to Long Point Area*. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature.

PLEASE PRINT.

Species claimed: Piping Plover

No. of birds: 1

Age: Unknown

Sex: Unknown

Date(s): May 2, 2012

Place: Bluff Bar, Long Point

Time(s) of Observation: 1200

Who first saw the bird(s): Stu Mackenzie

Who first identified it: Stu Mackenzie

Other observers (names and addresses):

Any who disagree: No

Your previous experience with the species: Extensive

Your previous experience with any closely similar species: Extensive

(a) Formerly:

(b) Same day:

Species present for comparison: Ring-billed Gull

Which were beside it for comparison: Ring-billed Gull

Distance from observer(s): 100 – 500 m

How measured: Estimate

Optical aids used: 8.5 x 42 Swarovski EL

Weather conditions (at time of observation)

Visibility: 30+ km

Cloud Cover: 0

Lighting: Bright

Wind direction and speed: Light westerlies

Circumstances:

During a boat trip to the Tip of Long Point I noticed a small shorebird flying off of Bluff Bar (Long Point Outer Bay) heading west toward Pottahawk Point (Long Point Inner Bay). I stopped the boat, got my binoculars on it and followed it until it disappeared on the horizon.

Description:

Give separate description for (a) in the field (b) in the hand. Include full measurements and wing formula with hand descriptions. Include reasons for the elimination of other species.

Bird was a small light gray plover with white undersides, white rump, short bill, black forehead and incomplete black neck collar. A white rump was the most noticeable and diagnostic characteristic observed separating it from Semipalmated Plover along with lighter overall colouration.

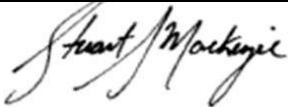
Did you refer to any guides/other literature: no

(a) at the time: no

(b) afterwards: no

Finally, is this record 100% certain? Yes

Signed:



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