

# WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species: Laughing Gull Number: (leave blank) WVBRC 2019-5  
Location: Harris Riverfront Park - Huntington, WV Date: 9/24/18 Time: 9:00 AM  
Bird Seen: 9/24/18 To: 9/26/18 Age/Sex: Young Bird / Juvenile

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

Photos provided

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

Photos provided

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

None

Description of behavior:

Resting on boat ramp area, occasionally flying into river to feed. Would join the local domestic mallards when eating pieces of bread provided by thoughtful locals.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

River's Edge. Flying often between river, banks, and concrete boat ramp.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

Bird was relatively tame, allowing great looks for several days. Viewed with Vortex Viper HD 10x42 binoculars.

Previous experience with this species:

None in this plumage. Have seen them in breeding plumage on Atlantic coast.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

No experience with Franklin's Gull in this plumage. Consulted with several local experts and Sibley Field Guides to determine species.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Mike Griffith

David Patrick

Gary Rankin

Janet Keating

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

Sibley

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

8 months

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