

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2019-09-03 00:51:44
Observer's Name	Jessie Serry
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Phone	Unknown
Observer's Address	Exact address not given Easton PA 18042 United States
Names of additional observers	Tamer Serry (husband)
Species (Common Name)	Brown Booby
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Sub-adult
Observation Date and Time	08-20-2019 7:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Northampton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	College Hill in Easton
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	At the corner of Hillside Avenue and 3rd Terrace.
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 40.709413, W 75.206499
Habitat	Wooded hillside near the top of College Hill (Elevation ~520 feet). You'll have to ask the booby why it perched there.
Distance to bird	Approximately 25 feet.
Viewing conditions	Fair
Optical equipment used	None

Description	This form is being filled out by me, Dave DeReamus, using the information provided to me by the observer. The attached two photos, sent to me by a non-birder named Jessie Serry, were taken with a Google Pixel 2 cell phone. They clearly show a sub-adult Brown Booby.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird was perched on a stump on a wooded hillside. Go figure! Obviously, I wish I would have got the news the day before. Ugghhh!
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	This is clearly a Brown Booby, showing the sharp demarcation line between the dark brown head and neck and the smudged-white belly, which eliminates the other booby species.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Again, I am submitting this for the non-birder who sent me these photos. Jessie and her husband, Tamer, were walking along Hillside Avenue with their 5-month old son when they noticed this "odd-looking" bird perched on a stump. I personally visited the site the next day and found the same exact stump in the photos, confirming the location of the sighting. This location is about a half-mile from the Delaware River and about 1-1/2 miles from the confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers (Forks of the Delaware).
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes.
During	Unknown
After	Unknown
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	



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[2019-08-20 Brown Booby \(JS\)-2.jpg](#)