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Tricolored Heron Aug 14-Sept 1, 1991

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On Wednesday, 14 August 1991, I was checking the island off Marietta. I was scanning the herons when I came across an immature Tricolored Heron. It was present several weeks, giving me an opportunity to study it at close range. As far as I know the heron was never seen away from the lower end of the island, where it often kept company with a Snowy Egret.

The details follow and should rule out all other species. In size and shape it was very similar to Snowy Egret. It was an active feeder -- darting through the water, leaning forward, ready to strike. The underparts were totally white except for a rusty line up the center of the neck. The back was bluegray with extensive rusty color. The back of the neck was a rich rusty, brown color. White from the body extended up around the shoulder of the folded wing. The legs were bright yellow-green, and the bill was bluegray with a little pink and a dark line down the upper mandible. The rump was white. It also had yellow lores and eyes. Many other birders were able to see this Tricolored Heron.

## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Tricolored Heron**

Date of Sighting: **14 August 1991 to 15 August 1991**

Observer(s): **Jonathan Heller**

Date of Submission: **1991 *Lenox***

Submitted by: **Jonathan Heller**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
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E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
R. Leberman			X				
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe			X				
TOTALS			7				
DECISION			X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

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Date:

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