









PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Tricolored Heron - Egretta Tricolor
Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 **SEX(ES)** _____

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): immature

DATE OF OBSERVATION 7/22/08 **TIME** 6:00 pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Philadelphia

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) John Heinz NWR

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Todd Follenbaum
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City Philadelphia State PA ZIP 19102
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

Many - Frank Winfelder, Lynn Roman, Ned Connelley, Doris McGovern, etc.

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) shallow water along impoundment edge

DISTANCE TO BIRD 50 feet

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Excellent

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Zeiss (8742) Binoculars, Swarovski Scope

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): The bird was a medium-sized Heron with a long bill, reddish, long

neck, white belly, and long slender legs. when it flew, the white
underwing coverts and white belly were evident.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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

Bird was feeding along impoundment edge. It was staring at and catching fish.

VOCALIZATIONS

None

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

→ emailed to Nick Pulcinella

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name same as observer

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition N/A

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

This heron had a very long reddish neck, long bill, and white belly. In flight, the white underwing coverts + white belly were evident. These details eliminate everything else.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

This bird was seen daily from 7/22/08 - 7/28/08

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

I have significant experience w/ Tricolored Herons, as well as, every other egret/heron species occurring in North America

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not)

Yes - There is nothing else remotely similar.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation None

After observation Sigley to age bird

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 7/30/08

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Tom Zellmer

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Tricolored Heron Egretta tricolor

Date of Sighting: 22 July 2008 to 28 July 2008

County : PHILADELPHIA

Location : JOHN HEINZ NWR

Observer(s): Todd Fellenbaum m.obs

Date of Submission: 2008

Submitted by: Todd Fellenbaum

Written Description: Yes

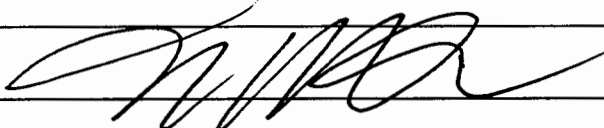
Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) 

Date: 10/20/08