

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-01-09 01:50:12
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 7420 BEN HUR ST City: PITTSBURGH State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15208 Country: United States
Species (Common Name)	Tricolored Heron
Species (Scientific Name)	Egretta Tricolor
Number of individuals	2
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	1st year
Observation Date and Time	08-09-2015 11:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S24562593
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	John Heinz NWR
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.891161, -75.259963
Habitat	shallow open wetland
Distance to bird	Approx 100 m
Viewing conditions	sunny
Optical equipment used	Swarovski ATX-95 scope
Description	Small-bodied heron with long neck and long bill. Blue-gray back/wings with maroon highlights. Maroon face and top of head through back and sides of neck. White throat, front of neck, and underparts. Sharp contrast between white and dark areas. Yellowish legs.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Observed wading in shallow water hunting small fish, as well as resting and preening on a log in the water.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The sharp contrast between dark upperparts and white underparts rules out any possible confusion species.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes - diagnostic photographs.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph



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Submission Date	2015-08-10 12:59:14
Observer's Name	Carl Engstrom
E-mail	carlengstrom@ymail.com
Observer's Address	Country: United States
Species (Common Name)	Tricolored Heron
Species (Scientific Name)	Egretta tricolor
Number of individuals	2
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Immature
Observation Date and Time	08-07-2015 8:50 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S24523969
County	Philadephia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	John Heinz NWR
Description	Medium sized heron, smaller than nearby Great Blue Heron, but larger than nearby Little Blue Herons. Long yellow legs and feet. Belly and breast were white and contrasted with the blue back and wings, the wings had a rusty wash to them. White underwing was noted when the two birds got into a brief scuffle. Reddish neck with white line running down center of it from the breast to the throat. The rest of the birds head was rusty, the same color as the neck. Yellow eye, lores, and mainly bill (Darker upper mandible). Slim body shape with disproportionately long neck.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	For the most part, the birds were actively feeding. They would stand still for a few moment parallel with the waters surface with heads held close to body before rushing forward and stabbing for prey. The whole time they maintained this hunch position. Later the two birds were perched together on a log preening.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph Video

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