

## UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

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**Species:** Cattle Egret  
**Observers:** Found by August & Judy Mirabella  
Seen by many others over next few days

**Date Seen:** 8/7/02                      **Time:** Approx: 12:00 to 1:30 pm  
**Where Observed:** Knight Lake, Green Lane Reservoir Park (at portion formerly called Upper Perkiomen Park near Green Lane, PA.  
**Conditions:** Sunny. Seen at about 100 ft with Leica APO77 Zoom

**Behavior & Habitat:** Shallow lake with silt island covered with short wetlands vegetation. Bird was feeding on the island and also roosted in a tree for short time. It walked slowly, bobbing its head as is typical of this species.

**Description:** A small all white Egret with relatively short neck and legs compared to L. Blue & Snowy Egrets. Unlike these other two species, it had a relatively short all yellow bill except for a dark "saddle" at the top near the base. It also may have had some dark shading to the tip. Sibley does not show this and says that a juvenile would have an all black bill at this time of year. However, there were also some wispy head feathers showing which may indicate a juvenile. Its legs were dark.

**Similar Species Comparison:** See above.

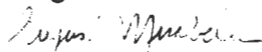
**References during ID:** Sibley Guide to Birds

**References after ID:** Sibley Guide to Birds & my videotape

**Other Documentation:** Videotape submitted with this report by A. Mirabella

**Date of report:** 8/8/02

**Signature of Observer:** August Mirabella



**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Tabulation Form - Round One**

Species: Cattle Egret (*Bulbulcis ibis*)

Date of Sighting: 7 August 2002 to 7 August 2002

Location: GREEN LANE RESERVOIR

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): August Mirabella

Date of Submission: 2002

Submitted by: August Mirabella

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

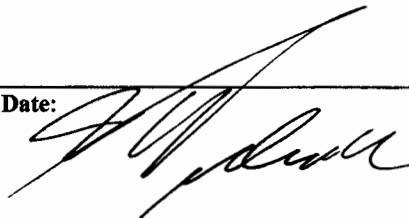
Specimen: No

Recording: Video

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<i>R. W. Tint</i>								
<del>G. Armistead</del>	X							
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
B. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
<b>TOTALS</b>	7							
<b>DECISION</b>	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): Date:



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