

### 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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SPECIES (common and scientific name) CATTLE EgRET (Bubulcus Ibis)  
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): adult Non-breeding

DATE OF OBSERVATION 7-23-04 TIME 9:30 Am

LOCATION (city, borough, township) new Britain Township

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Peace Valley Park (sailors Point)

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Steve Farbotnik

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) water's edge - mowed lake edge

DISTANCE TO BIRD 250 FT - approx 80 yds <sup>1st Time</sup> <sub>2nd & 3rd Time were further away.</sub>

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) sunny clear - sun high in front  
approx 69-70° - somewhat hazy on other side of Lake Galena

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Nikon superior EL series (Bank) 10x42 / Eagle optics 10x50 (Steve)

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): Bird standing erect, posture and size

equivalent to a small egret. Color - pure white  
yellowish bill in entirety, no dark tip, legs  
and feet were totally dark. heard nasal croak.  
shorter neck (stouter also)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Landed once - Flew  
To other side, followed bird, Flew again across Dam.

VOCALIZATIONS heard nasal croak.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph \_\_\_\_\_ Video recording \_\_\_\_\_ Audio recording \_\_\_\_\_ Drawing \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known \_\_\_\_\_

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) eliminated from Snowy  
Egret by color of feet and beak. way to small  
for a great Egret. different beak. no dark primary  
tips to beak was solid color thereby eliminating Im. Little  
Blue Heron (July)

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

We saw the bird in standing posture in flight  
several times. Also size color of legs & feet,  
seems unlikely to be anything else.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES Barb Hiebsch saw 1 @  
Brigantine, Steve Fe saw them 20 times or so.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) AT site about 90% +  
studied various field guides. Barb Hiebsch saw another 2 days  
later at Brigantine.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation Amangt ourselves and Peterson field guide  
After observation Sibley field guide + Behavior guide, Audobon guide, Kern Kaufman.

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 8-18-04

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Barbara A. Hiebsch  
Stephen J. Kaufman

## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Cattle Egret (*Bulbulcis ibis*)

Date of Sighting: 23 July 2004 to 23 July 2004

Location: PEACE VALLEY PARK

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): Barbara Hiebsch

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Barbara Hiebsch

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

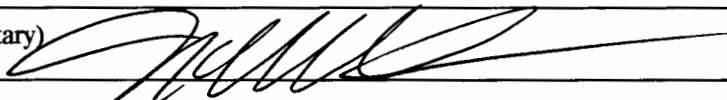
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
D. Heathcote			X					
P. Guris			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
<del>R. Leberman</del> A. Guantz			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			X					
DECISION			6					

Comments: G/O

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/2/06