

July 1, 2008

George Francois
911 Lake Lane
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Thank you for submitting a report of a Cattle Egret in Lower Frederick Township, Montgomery County, PA on November 7, 2006 to the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee.

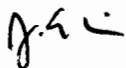
After two rounds of voting, the record was voted upon (5/2) as a Class IV-A record; a record for which there exists a majority of evidence in favor of the observer's identification; the record is probably correct, but not beyond reasonable doubt.

The record is almost certainly is of a Cattle Egret. However, the committee felt that the description came up short in describing a Cattle Egret.

There was no mention in the report of the size of the bird or description of the neck length. These two features would be essential in identification of a Cattle Egret.

Thank you for taking the time in submitting this report.

Sincerely,



J. Eric Witmer
Chairman: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Record# 089-02-2006

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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:

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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West Chester, PA 19380
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Paul Gurit Phoned me about
a probable Cattle Egret and
I chased to confirm
GAF

SPECIES (common and scientific name) CATTLE EGRET (ARDEOLA IBIS)
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) UNKNOWN

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): transition to basic of juv.
I am not familiar w. juv. plumaged Cattle Egrets

DATE OF OBSERVATION Nov 7, 2006 TIME 12:45 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) LOWER FREDERICK TWP - MONTGOMERY CO.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) RTE 29 @ SIMMONS RD 1 mi N. OF ZIEGLERVILLE

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name GEORGE FRANCOIS
Address 911 LAKE LANE
City PENNSBURG State PA ZIP 18073
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

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

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Pond edge, agricultural and grazing lands.

DISTANCE TO BIRD 75 YARDS

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) OVERCAST BUT QUITE BRIGHT

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED 15x60 Power Swift Zoom 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): white heron; dusky gray to blackish legs; rather thick blotchy orange and dusky beak.

feathering below lower mandible extends quite well forward

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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

feeding terrestrially and preening

VOCALIZATIONS NONE

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)

Little Blue Heron (imm) - leg color; bill color; bill color pattern distribution

SNOW BERGE - bill color; leg color; bill/facial profile

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

terrestrial feeding; proximity of livestock

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

frequent trips to Delaware where this species was fairly common 15-20 years ago.

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

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation _____

After observation SIBLEY

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 11/12/06

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER George A. Franchois

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round Two

Species: Cattle Egret (Bulbulcis ibis)

Date of Sighting: 7 November 2006 to 7 November 2006

Location: LOWER FREDERICK TWP.

County : MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): George Francois

Date of Submission: 2006

Submitted by: George Francois

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								
A. Guarente				X				
T. Johnson				X				
B. Coulter			X					
E. Witmer				X				
J. Heller				X				
G. Malosh				X				
TOTALS			1	5				
DECISION				X				

Comments:

1/5

Signature (Secretary)

Date:

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Cattle Egret (Bulbulcis ibis)

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County : MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): George Franchois

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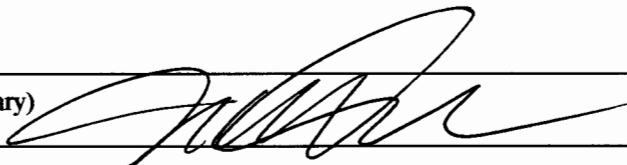
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R. Wiltraut			X					
A. Guarente					X			
T. Johnson				X				
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
J. Heller			X					
G. Malosh				X				
TOTALS			4	2	1			
DECISION								

Comments: 4/3 GO TO 2ND Round

Signature (Secretary)



Date: 4/10/07