

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2015-05-01 16:23:05
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1201 Yardley Rd. City: Yardley State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19067 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Dan Graffius
Species (Common Name)	Cattle egret
Species (Scientific Name)	Bubulcus ibis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Unknown but I think young
Observation Date and Time	05-01-2015 11:50 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Fairless Hills
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Caroline
GPS coordinates of sighting	GPS Coordinates 40° 10' 27.5772" N 74° 51' 12.2472" W
Habitat	Lake, grassy shore area
Distance to bird	10 feet
Viewing conditions	Clear bright day
Optical equipment used	None
Description	Caught our eye because it looked smaller than the bigger egrets. It was thin and a reddish brown patch was observable on the head and chest. It was standing stock still when we drove up Before slowly walking away.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	It was walking in the grass alongside of the township or commerce building. It lowered its beak a couple of times to the ground. It stated at us face on for about ten seconds before moving away.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	It was shorter than other egrets I've seen and also had a distinct reddish brown patch on head and chest. None on back that I could see. Also its bill seemed pretty chunky (is that a cattle egret thing? Yes looked it up). I couldn't tell what color legs it had. Even in the photos it's not really clear to

me.

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

Yes

During

IBird, photo, Cornell labs web site

After

Petersons

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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