

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-06-04 23:33:43
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 1902 Sylvan Terrace City: Yardley State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19067 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	none
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Cattle egret
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Bubulcus ibis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult in breeding plumage
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	06-04-2016 5:40 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S30077142">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S30077142</a>
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Tullytown Borough
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Franklin Cove
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.137399, -74.811886
<b>Habitat</b>	Tidal cove bordered by industrial land uses including the Tullytown Landfill. The bird was observed standing on a dirt pile adjacent to a single story shed. Outside of the pile was a gravel drive, gravel parking area and maintained lawn.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	The bird was standing on a dirt pile located between the gravel drive and Franklin Cove. The bird did not appear to be alarmed by my presence which enabled me to get fairly close while in my car. This allowed me to get within 40 feet of the bird. flock of loafing juvenile greater black billed gulls. I was able to get close to the bird
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	The day was slightly overcast but at the time of the observation the visibility was good and allowed for clear photodocumentation photographs.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Nikon monarch 8x42

<b>Description</b>	As previously mentioned the bird was standing on a soil pile located on the west side of the cove along the road that runs between the cove and Martin's Creek. The bird was standing just outside of a flock of juvenile greater black backed gulls loafing on the soil pile. The egret was slightly smaller than the gulls. The bird was white with orange-tan colored feathers on its head, chest and back.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	The bird was initially standing still but later moved a few feet. Before it moved it was preening.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	The orange-tan feathers on the head, back and chest were distinctive and absent on similar small white herons/egrets.
<b>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</b>	The accompanying photographs clearly show the relevant features necessary to accurately identify the bird as a cattle egret. If additional photographs are needed I have several dozen.
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	I am positive of the identification.
<b>During</b>	nothing
<b>After</b>	Sibley Birds second addition
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	Photograph

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