

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Cattle Egret
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Bubulcus Ibis
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	Family Ardeidae
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-28-2016 12:30 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>County</b>	Bucks County
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Doylestown, PA
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Peace Valley Nature Center area on the island near the bridge
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake's edge
<b>Distance to bird</b>	At first it landed about fifteen feet from me and I missed the shot and it flew to the island which was about seventy feet away from me.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Partly sunny, chilly day
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Canon 7D Mark ii, 100-400 ii lens with USM 1.4 iii extender
<b>Description</b>	There were many geese and I was hoping to get a closer photograph of the white-fronted goose when the cattle egret landed about fifteen feet to the right of me. I moved to get a clear view and it flew across the lake to the island's edge. I took some pictures which would have been clearer, if I didn't have the extender on since the sun went in.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	The bird was just standing at the waters edge.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	I noticed immediately that it was prettier and smaller than the great white egrets that had been at the lake but had not been seen in a few days. At first, I thought it was a snowy egret but noticed that the bill was yellow not black. I noticed that the bill was much shorter than the great white egrets. The neck was short and the legs were shorter than a great white egret. It had pretty rounded wings. It was in winter plumage so that is why I didn't recognize it at first as a cattle egret since there wasn't any brown on it.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

It didn't stay long.

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

I am positive and I enlarged the photos on my touch screen to view closer. It was confirmed by August Mirabella and two other reviewers he consulted with.

**After**

August Mirabella

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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