

PA Rare Bird Report

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| Submission Date | 2016-08-01 12:52:58 |
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| Observer's Address | Street Address: 761 Willow Lane City: Gap State / Province: Pennsylvania Postal / Zip Code: 17527 Country: United States |
| Species (Common Name) | Cattle Egret |
| Species (Scientific Name) | Bubulcus ibis |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known) | Juvenile |
| Observation Date and Time | 08-01-2016 9:30 AM |
| Did you submit this sighting to eBird? | Yes |
| Link to eBird checklist | http://ebird.org/ebird/pa/view/checklist/S30934272 |
| County | Lancaster |
| Location (City, Borough, Township) | Mt. Joy Township |
| Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) | Conewago Recreation Trail and Wetlands |
| GPS coordinates of sighting | 40.187523, -76.607905 |
| Habitat | Wetlands, fields. |
| Viewing conditions | Overcast, with some haze/fog. |
| Optical equipment used | Bushnell 8x42 and Leupold 20-60x80 Spotting Scope |
| Description | Short, stocky Egret. It was much smaller than the nearby Great Egret. It had a shorter, stockier bill as well. |
| Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) | At first it just hung out along the edge of the pond, but then it flew into the field, and started foraging in the tall grasses/flowers. |
| Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others) | Lighter colored, shorter, stockier bill than a Snowy Egret. Too small for a Little Blue Heron. |

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

This bird was originally reported by Alex Lamoreaux, and has been seen by several knowledgeable birders.

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

Yes I am. I have seen Cattle Egrets before, and this bird was definitely one. It did not fit the description of any other wader.

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Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America, The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph
Video



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