

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-09-27 21:29:26
Observer's Name	Michael David
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Observer's Address	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)	Nonbreeding plumage
Observation Date and Time	11-04-2017 1:40 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S40308763
County	Armstrong
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Bethlehem
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	St. Charles Rd
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.978985, -79.396955
Habitat	Tall grass around pond
Distance to bird	20 m
Description	Small for a heron-family bird, smaller than Snowy Egret or Little Blue Heron but larger than Green Heron. Bill fairly short compared to similar species, about the length of head. All white plumage with yellow-orange bill and black legs.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Walking around the pond edge and further into the grass, foraging. Observed catching frogs/toads from the pond.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	From Great Egret - which has the same coloring to bill, legs, and plumage - by much smaller size, and proportionately shorter bill and shorter neck without the pronounced S shape when extended. From Snowy Egret and Little Blue Heron by bill and leg color.

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

Yes, diagnostic photos taken

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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