

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2019-05-18 16:37:22
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	761 Willow Lane Gap Pennsylvania 17527 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Cattle Egret
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Bulbucis ibis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult in breeding plumage. Sex unknown.
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-18-2019 8:40 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S56438317">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S56438317</a>
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Ephrata
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.278483, -76.222141
<b>Habitat</b>	Grassland, fields, some scrubby areas. There is a large lake and some ponds also.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	300 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Sunnym, clear, mid to upper 60s. There was some heat shimmer.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Bushnell 10x43 binoculars and a Baushc and Lomb spotting scope.
<b>Description</b>	Small white Egret. Smaller than the nearby Snow Geese. Some yellow on the chest and the crown. It had a short, stubby yellow bill.

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

It was feeding in the shorter grass along with some Snow Geese.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Too small to be a Great Egret, legs were light colored unlike a Snowy Egret. The yellow on the chest and head along with the bill shape ruled out the other Egrets.

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

This bird was originally found by Steve Ferreri a few days ago.

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

Yes. I am very familiar with Snowy Egrets and Great Egrets. I have seen Cattle Egrets several times.

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

Photograph  
Video

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