

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	1941 Hillsdale Rd Middletown PA 17057 United States
Names of additional observers	Zach Millen, Eric Witmer, Tom Garner
Species (Common Name)	Roseate Spoonbill
Species (Scientific Name)	Platalea ajaja
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Juvenile, sex unknown.
Observation Date and Time	07-15-2017 7:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S38145482
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Washington Boro
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Conejohela Flats
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.979249, -76.468205
Habitat	island shoreline
Distance to bird	Flew overhead at a height of 15 feet.
Viewing conditions	Partly cloudy, low humidity, decent viewing conditions for mid July.
Optical equipment used	Pentax PF-80ED spotting scope at 50x
Description	Large white wader, similar in size to nearby Great Egrets, with pale pink wings and large, spoon shaped, bill. Head was fully feathered, indicating a juvenile
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Initially found resting, the bird soon flushed and flew directly overhead. Pink wings and bill where seen well at close range. Refound feeding in shallow water along the shoreline of one of the islands. Fed with side-to-side sweeping motion. Flew off and landed in the trees on the island.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

No other spoonbills found in the US, no other pink spoonbills.

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

Yes, unmistakable.

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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