

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Observer's Address</b>	3130 Lakeview Drive Hellertown Pennsylvania 18055 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Roseate spoonbill
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Platalea ajaja
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Immature
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-25-2018 8:20 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Springfield Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Privately-owned pond on Greenwood Drive
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40°33'33.76"N, 75°16'51.33"W
<b>Habitat</b>	Maintained lawn and narrow emergent wetland fringe adjacent to a manmade, privately-owned pond within a residential neighborhood
<b>Distance to bird</b>	10-15 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear day. Close observation.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	None
<b>Description</b>	Unmistakable spoon-shaped bill, white to very pale pink head and body, pale pink wings.

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

I observed the spoonbill walking on a maintained lawn between the road (Greenwood Drive) and a privately-owned pond. A Canada goose was walking about 5 feet behind it. When I stopped my car, the spoonbill walked under the split-rail fence to the pond. The individual entered the pond where it slowly foraged by probing (left to right) along the water's edge (water is likely 6" deep in this area, mud bottom - some tadpoles observed along edge). It was not bothered by my presence - it briefly (5 seconds) stopped foraging if I talked aloud ("what you are doing up this way!?!"). I watched it forage for about 5 minutes. When I walked back to my car, it exited the pond, then walked north along the western side of the pond between a private driveway and pond (area maintained, again with a narrow emergent wetland fringe along edge of pond).

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

Shape of bill, size, and color

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

Yes - Close view, species is unmistakable.

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

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**



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