

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	5 Witmer Twin Lane Millersville PA 17551 United States
Species (Common Name)	roseate spoonbill
Species (Scientific Name)	Platalea ajaja
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	juvenile
Observation Date and Time	07-14-2018 9:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Kirkwood, PA
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	off of Blue Gill Road in Octoraro Reservoir
Habitat	shallow water of lake
Distance to bird	500 feet
Viewing conditions	sunny
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Conquest 10 x 42
Description	large pink bird with spoon shaped bill, no dark pink-red in wings so a juvenile
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Was feeding in shallow water with two great egrets
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	bill shape, size of bird, and pink color

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

Viewed the spoonbill previously at Merritt Island, South Padre Island, Estero Ilano Grande SP, Bolivar Lighthouse pond, Wakodahatchee Wetlands, St. Marks NWR, Conoduguinet Creek near Camp Hill, PA last July.

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

Absolutely as viewed for 20 minutes before kayakers approached when it flew off in a north direction

After

Peterson to support juvenile description

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