

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2019-08-28 15:30:09
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	101 New Meadow run Dr Farmington PA 15437 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Yellow Rail
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Coturnicops noveboracensis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	UnKnown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	08-25-2019 3:10 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	CHECKLIST S59256902
<b>County</b>	Somerset
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Lake Somerset, Somerset Township, PA 15501
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Lake Somerset (IBA)
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40°01'41.7"N 79°03'43.5"W
<b>Habitat</b>	Mudflat edge of partially drained lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	30' with Binoculars
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	sunny and clear
<b>Description</b>	I was walking along the edge of the sandbar directly across from the Parking area and watching the edge of the cattail bases looking at the Song sparrows and watching for swamp sparrows, and suddenly a small brown bird was hopping (both feet together) away from me. Then it passed a pair of cat tail stems and turned into the dense cattail bed. It did not fly, but I was able to see the short stubby tail, Yellowish legs and light brown un-streaked back. It was just a bit larger than a song sparrow but a good bit smaller than a Sora,

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

Hopping with both feet away from me, then turning into the cattail bed so that I could see it in profile

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

Stubby tail. Yellowish green legs, yellowish beak, body size similar to song sparrow but longer legs and upturned shorter tail.

**After**

Peterson's field guide immediatly after the bird disappeared

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