

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2019-04-03 15:28:53
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	81 Chambers Ave Greenville Pennsylvania 16125 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Steve Sanford
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	King Rail
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Rallus
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	elegans
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Heard only
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-06-2018 10:00 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	S 45385223
<b>County</b>	Mercer
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Springfield Twp
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Pennsy Swamp part of State Game Land 284
<b>Habitat</b>	marsh of cattails and shrubbery
<b>Distance to bird</b>	20-25 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Zeiss Victory 10X42
<b>Description</b>	heard only

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

Calling before we made any type of calls to entice birds to come out.

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

Did careful and repeated study of our recording against known calls to eliminate Virginia Rail

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

My background in marsh birds is fairly extensive as I monitored the Mentor Marsh in Mentor Ohio for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History for 3 years. I am very familiar with the more common birds of the marsh such as Virginia Rail, Sora, Marsh Wren, Pied-billed Grebe and American Coot. The audio file that I have included here which is not in the eBird sighting is pretty conclusive especially toward the beginning as at the time I didn't exactly know how to download it to eBird so only put in one of the recordings that we had.

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

Yes After comparing our recording to the training CD that compares Virginia Rail to King Rail side by side am certain

**During**

Sibley's Guide phone app and iBirdPro app

**After**

Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program Training CD 2008

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

Audio

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

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