

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2014-05-18 13:28:56
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 161 Legion Lane City: State College State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 16801 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Carolyn Mahan, Linda Greble, David McNaughton
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Purple Gallinule
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Porphyrio martinica
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult bird
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-16-2014 1:40 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S18422226">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S18422226</a>
<b>County</b>	Cumberland
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Mount Holly Springs
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Tichy Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.1193, -77.1832
<b>Habitat</b>	Pond
<b>Distance to bird</b>	30 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Partly sunny, warm
<b>Description</b>	Unmistakably coot-like bird. Bright yellow legs and huge feet. Red bill with yellow tip and light blue frontal shield. Deep purple head, breast, and belly. Green back. Short tail, with two bright white undertail patches.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was</b>	First saw the bird when it flushed and noticed the huge dangling yellow feet in flight. When it landed we watched it

**doing)**

walking around in the water picking food off the surface and flicking its stubby tail often. When two Canada Geese got into a fight, the gallinule froze where it was and stood stock still for close to 10 minutes.

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

The bright coloration on this bird made it easy to separate it from the related American Coot and Common Gallinule found in PA.

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

Not sure if other people have submitted this bird to the committee. I submitted this just in case no one else has.

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

Yes

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

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