

## PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-10-09 22:07:44
Observer's Name	John Flannigan
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Observer's Address	1725 Patrick Place South Park Pennsylvania 15129 United States
Names of additional observers	Leslie Ferree
Species (Common Name)	Purple Gallinule
Species (Scientific Name)	Porphyrio martinica
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Juvenile
Observation Date and Time	10-09-2016 1:10 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	S31967365
County	Beaver
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Aliquippa Pennsylvania 15001
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Ambridge Reservoir
Habitat	Open water with floating vegetation.
Distance to bird	30-40"
Viewing conditions	Clear sunny day with no wind and approximately 60*.
Optical equipment used	EL 8x32 Swarovski
Description	Chunky body type with tail held upright. Plate on forehead a light color. Bird is light tawny color on back with bluish purple mark at bend of wing. Median Lesser and Greater coverts are a light green color. Breast is not streaked and a buffy color. Secondaries and tail are a tawny brown. Undertail coverts is white and held upright often. Eyes are red. Bill is greenish yellow with base a pinkish hue. Long yellowish legs with large yellowish feet and toes.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Walked slowly methodically feeding amongst lily pads. Very tame as it moved about holding itself in a horizontal manner. Flicked tail upright often.

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

Not a Common gallinule because it walked around feeding instead of swimming.

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

Many birders have seen this bird before and after us.

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

Yes -it matches description from bird guides. Have seen this species in South Carolina and Georgia.

**After**

National Geographic Field Guide to birds of North america

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

Photograph



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