

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2020-01-30 18:12:06
Observer's Name	Michael David
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Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	Zach Millen
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	09-16-2019 6:30 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S59867978
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.8900, -75.2601
Habitat	Herbaceous wetland
Description	Large (chicken-sized) bird with stout bill, long legs, and very long toes with no webbing. Dull colored overall - pale brownish on most of body with greenish wings. Bill yellow on tip, red on base, with blue "shield" extending onto forehead, all dully colored compared to adult. Legs yellow.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Climbing on/through marsh vegetation. Flew to a dense patch and was not seen again.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Greenish wings and bill/shield color distinguish from Common Gallinule.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

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Photograph



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