

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-09-02 20:55:53
Observer's Name	Michael David
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Observer's Address	United States
Species (Common Name)	Piping Plover
Species (Scientific Name)	Charadrius melodus
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	05-01-2016 6:50 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S29360697
County	Lawrence
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Plain Grove Twp
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Shaner Road
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.0869393,-80.1829052
Habitat	shallow water / mud
Description	Small plover, similar in size and shape to Semipalmated Plover. Short stubby bill orange on base with black tip. Pale sandy brown on crown, face, and back. Black on head limited to line across forehead between eyes. Black ring around neck. White underside. Bright orange legs.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	walking around and feeding in the mud and shallow water
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Semipalmated Plover eliminated by much lighter brown color overall and lack of black on face. Rarer Snowy and Wilson's Plovers by bill shape, size, and color.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	The bird had a metal band, multiple color bands and a yellow flag on the leg. Better photos than mine show the bands and flags and make the identification more obvious on this checklist earlier the same day: https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S29346306

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

Yes, conclusive photos were taken and similar species ruled out

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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