

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	P.O. Box 135 Revere PA 18953 United States
Names of additional observers	Ken Reiker
Species (Common Name)	Purple Sandpiper
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Calidris maritima</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Breeding adult
Observation Date and Time	05-30-2017 8:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Nockamixon State Park
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Fishing Pier
Habitat	Rocks at Fishing Pier
Distance to bird	100-200 feet
Viewing conditions	overcast, light rain
Optical equipment used	Leica 10x42 binoculars, Leica APO Televid 77
Description	<p>I was texted a picture by Ken Reiker of this bird at around 8AM so I shot right over to where he was. The bird was still there when I arrived but took off shortly after I left to go to work. It was an obvious sandpiper, about Dunlin sized but fairly chunky looking. It had relatively short legs and the classic Purple Sandpiper posture. It was clearly a breeding plumaged Purple Sandpiper but I think it was the first time I had seen one in that plumage.</p>

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

It was just sitting on rocks most of the time but did spend some time feeding. It did fly from rock to rock a few times. It was also calling which was interesting. It was a raspy sound (song?) that had a Dunlin-like quality to it

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

There isn't really anything similar except Rock Sandpiper which would have a black belly patch. Dunlin would be more slender, with longer legs and the black belly patch.

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

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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