

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-01-30 15:29:06
Observer's Name	Greg Grove
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Observer's Address	9524 Stone Creek Ridge Road Huntingdon PA 16651 United States
Names of additional observers	Deb Grove, Dave & Trudy Kyler, Dave Kerr, Rob Dickerson, Carl Engstrom, Jon Kauffman, Steve Schmidt, Eric Hartshaw
Species (Common Name)	Ruff
Species (Scientific Name)	Calidris pugnax
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	female
Observation Date and Time	05-18-2017 11:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S36962678
County	Huntingdon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Smithfield Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Old Crow Wetland
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.488019, -78.036082
Habitat	marsh
Distance to bird	30 yards
Viewing conditions	excellent - clear, bright day. Watched for over an hour. Returned later in day for further extended viewing.
Optical equipment used	Swarovski binocs (EL) and Swarovski scope

Description	<p>copied from eBird report:</p> <p>Bird larger and bulkier than Lesser Yellowlegs standing close to it. Scaly dark feathers on back. Dark streaking on chest, yellow-orange legs, bicolored bill, slight eye ring, white patch above bill. Heavier bill than yellowlegs. Viewed with Kyllers. Pictures to follow.</p>
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	active foraging
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	My attention was first drawn to this bird by the way it's feathers were being blown by the breeze.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	<p>Photo by Dave Kerr published in Pennsylvania Birds Vol 31, No 2 page 91.</p> <p>At least 7 additional photos by 7 other birders are posted in eBird reports</p>
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes
During	various field guides
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
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Submission Date	2018-09-03 22:09:04
Observer's Name	Michael David
E-mail	michaeldavid@gmail.com
Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	Greg Grove
Species (Common Name)	Ruff
Species (Scientific Name)	Calidris pugnax
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Breeding plumage female
Observation Date and Time	05-18-2017 6:20 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S36970704
County	Huntingdon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Huntingdon
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Old Crow Wetlands
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.487424, -78.036788
Habitat	Shallow pond
Distance to bird	30 m
Description	About the size of Lesser Yellowlegs (also present). Long legs and neck with small looking head. Bill about the same length of Lesser Yellowlegs but very slightly curved down. Head mottled brown all over without distinct pattern. Coarser heavy mottling continuing down breast and on upper flanks; underparts otherwise white. Back feathers black bordered in white; larger feathers towards sides and lower back, including tertials, striped orange across the black. Legs orange.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Wading and feeding in shallow water and walking, resting, preening along muddy edges of pond.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Nothing particularly similar in this plumage. Orange legs eliminate any other expected sandpiper.

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

Yes, diagnostic photos taken

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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