

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-11-15 09:00:27
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Observer's Address	1443 Wheaton Lane North Wales PA 19454 United States
Names of additional observers	Devich Farbotnik(FINDER), Holly Merker, Ken Rieker
Species (Common Name)	Ruff
Species (Scientific Name)	Calidris pugnax
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult male transitional plumage
Observation Date and Time	08-03-2018 6:30 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S48397051
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Falls Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Penn-Warner Tract
GPS coordinates of sighting	40°09'03.1"N 74°46'44.4"W
Habitat	Water impoundment
Distance to bird	Closest 75 to 100 ft.
Viewing conditions	Cloudy with showers
Optical equipment used	Leica Scope APO77

Description

Larger shorebird with shortish neck, small head, and short bill compared to yellowlegs. White lower belly and undertail. Significant residual black on upper breast, flanks, neck and upper back. Head in basic plumage of pale brown/gray and a white partial eye-line. When it flew, tail showed the dark tip & white U pattern. Photo should be definitive.

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

Feeding in water deeper than its legs.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Obvious from overall color pattern compared to yellowlegs or Pectoral S.

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

Devich Farbotnik found and identified it 8/2 and saw it until 8/5.

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

Yes, see picture

During

None

After

Sibley

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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