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RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: RED-NECKED PHALAROPE Date of this Observation: 9/5/99

Date Found: 9/5/99 Last Date Seen: 9/5/99

Location: CHURCH ROAD ACCESS AT GREEN LAKE RESERVOIR

Township/City: PENNSBURG County: MONTGOMERY

Person Writing this report: KENNETH C. RIEKER

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Other Observers: NONE

Who found the bird first: MYSELF

Other documentation Included: (Circle all appropriate items)(Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)

Photograph

Audio Recording

Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? NO

Description: (Attach additional pages as needed—Please do not write on back of this form)

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Written report to PORC of visual sighting of Red-necked Phalarope on September 5th at Green Lane Reservoir.

Sunday the 5th of September was a rainy day. Late in the afternoon there was some clearing of the skies. I decided to take a ride to Green Lane Reservoir (Montg. County, PA) to see what might have been knocked down with the bad weather. My first stop was at the Walt Road access area (which has been one of two good areas for shorebirds). A nice selection of shorebirds were present, one Sanderling, and at least thirteen Stilt Sandpipers were observed. After spending quite some time at Walt Road, with storm clouds again on the horizon, I hustled over to the Church Road mudflats. Stopping the car roadside, I viewed the flats from the road and saw a "phalarope" spinning and feeding in the shallow water at the mud's edge.

Grabbing my scope (Bushnell Spacemaster/22x lens) I approached the phalarope as close as the mud would allow (approximately 50-75 yards), for a closer look. The bird was on the water the whole time it was observed for about 20 minutes. It continued to spin and feed in typical phalarope fashion.

The bird was very light in color—white below and white and light gray above. There was a very distinct dark gray ear patch behind the eye. The forehead was white, with a dark area running from midcrown, down the nape and hindneck area. The back was grey with whitish stripes producing a striped back pattern. The bill appeared thin at all angles (from front and side views) and not nearly as long as a Wilson's Phalarope. Daylight was fading, but the bill appeared all dark.

I decided the bird was a winter plumage Red-necked Phalarope. Upon getting home I made a few calls to alert other birders of the bird. It was looked for at first light the next day by other birders, but not found. Subsequently, on Tuesday the 7th two Red-necked Phalaropes were located at Walt Road area, perhaps one of which was the same bird I had seen on the 5th.

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Ballot - Round One**

Species: Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)

Date of Sighting: 5 September 1999 to 5 September 1999

Location: MONTGOMERY

County: GREEN LANE RESERVOIR

Observer(s): Ken Rieker

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Ken Rieker

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead			X					
D. Couchman			X					
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
M. Sharp			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 2/26/01