



PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
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Peter Robinson
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Dear Peter,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the following five records. After careful review, the Committee regrets that it has voted not to accept them.

Red-necked Phalarope, Codorus State Park, 7 September 1999: Members' opinions were divided, and the balloting went two rounds (which partly accounts for our delay in informing you of the result). The final vote was five in favor of acceptance and two not in favor. The Committee's bylaws require a vote of 6-1 to accept a record.

The majority had no doubt about the identification, but the two dissenters felt that a written description was essential to confirm what appeared to be a relatively thin and pointed bill, plus upperparts separating the bird conclusively from a Red Phalarope molting from juv. to first winter plumage. One member was not certain whether a possible white stripe which might be half of a Red-necked "V" pattern was not actually something white on the water behind the bird.

Little Gull, Bainbridge, 25 October 1998: As with the phalarope, balloting went two rounds and the final vote was four favoring acceptance and three not in favor.

The three members who dissented, as well as some of those who did vote to accept it, expressed concern that while the brief description did suggest a Little Gull, the details were not quite sufficient for them to make conclusive identification.

Chuck-will's-widow, Adams County, 8 May 1999 (John Clarke): The vote was two in favor of acceptance and five not in favor. Those who voted against acceptance felt that without a description of the call, there was no basis for evaluating the record.

We emphasize that our non-acceptance does not mean John does not know the difference between the call of Chuck-will's-widow and a Whip-poor-will, or that he misidentified the bird. Rather it represents a majority of the Committee's opinion that the report could not be judged at all.

If you pass this decision along to John, please tell him that the Committee hopes the decision in this case does not discourage him from submitting reports of rarities in the future.

Rufous Hummingbird, Boyertown, September-December 1998: Balloting went two rounds, with a final vote of four in favor of acceptance and three not in favor. As I noted above, the Committee's bylaws require a minimum 6-1 vote for accepting a record.

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Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Red-necked Phalarope (Phalaropus lobatus)

Date of Sighting: 7 September 1999 to 7 September 1999

Location: YORK

County: CODORUS STATE PARK

Observer(s): Peter Robinson

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Peter Robinson

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes

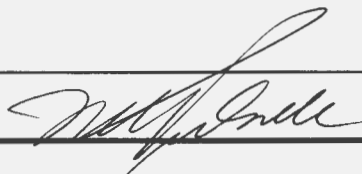
Specimen: No

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	5			1	1			
DECISION								

Comments: 5/2 2ND ROUND

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 2/26/07

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Tabulation Form - Round Two

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

Date of Sighting: 7 September 1999 to 7 September 1999

Location: CODORUS STATE PARK

County: YORK

Observer(s): Peter Robinson

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Peter Robinson

Written Description: ND ~~Yes~~

Photo: ^{Yes} ~~No~~

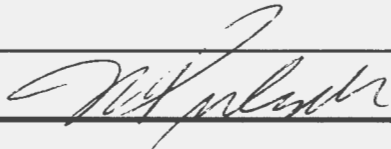
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					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead	X							
D. Couchman	X							
P. Hess					X			
R. Ickes				X				
B. Reid	X							
P. Rodewald	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	5			1	1			
DECISION				X				

Comments: 5/2/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 11/4/01