

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Red-necked Phalarope Phalaropus lobatus
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 12+ SEX(ES) _____

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable):
all appeared to be adult, winter plumage - (non-breeding)

DATE OF OBSERVATION Sept. 19, 2003 TIME 10:30 AM - 10:32 AM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Potter Township, Centre County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Colyer Lake

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Molly A. Heath
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) _____
mudflat at edge of lake

DISTANCE TO BIRD 43 steps (more than 50 feet)

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) _____
SE wind, about 20 mph, driving rain, total overcast sky
Sun would have been on my left hand side

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED E1 8.5 x 42 Swarovski binoculars and
Spotting Scope, Swarovski HD, 20-60X

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; “jizz”= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

Taller, more “stacked” than sanderlings, present, also –
Colors: only white, grey, and black.
Crown: white; Mask patch – all black; eye ~~or~~ patch
Bill – all black and skinny / not outrageously long as a snipe’s.
Back looked grey
Legs looked dark

All birds in the flock looked the same – no tan on any of the birds.

For phalaropes, they looked kind of small and compact –
Not as long in the body – or as chunky as a red phalarope. (Smaller, overall, too.)

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The flock landed on the edge of Colyer Lake next to some pews. Some sanderlings, least sandpipers, semi-pal. sandpipers. They were NERVOUS. They rapidly jabbed; sometimes, turned all the way around – 360°. Abruptly, they flew up – circled, returned, re-settled, jabbed at the VOCALIZATIONS, mud, advanced along edge, jabbing all the time.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

The all black skinny bills, more compact build
(not as long in the body) - smaller sizes,
longer bills in relation to birds' head -
more vertical build - separated them
from Red Phalaropes - a more horizontal bird.
They are wing smaller than Wilson's Phalarope - of course.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

Isabel probably had everything to do
with these birds' appearance at O'Leary Lake,
Centre Co. on Sept. 19, 2003

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES Have seen
Wilson's phalarope in Kansas - 2002 / Have seen RN and
Red Phalaropes on pelagic trips, and a red phalarope, to-day.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes -

Have just seen a Red Phalarope - and these
RN Phalaropes are much smaller, more compact.
In flight, very much a smaller bird, also.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

~~During observation~~ D. The Birds of
After observation Sibley, PA - Brauning, Mc Williams
also, Birds of Am. PA: Wood Peterson, R.T., Field Guide; Nat'l Geographic
DATE OF THIS REPORT: 27 Sept. 2003 Field Guide

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER

Molly A. Heath

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

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

Date of Sighting: 19 September 2003 to 19 September 2003

Location: COLYER LAKE

County : CENTRE

Observer(s): Molly Heath

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Molly Heath

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

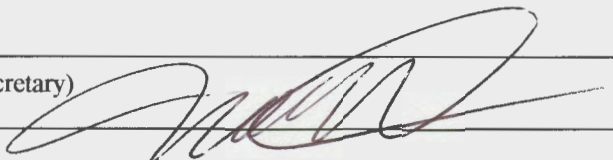
Specimen: No

Recording: ~~Video~~ NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
G. Armistead R. Witmer			X					
D. Heathcote			X					
P. Guris			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/16/04