

24 April, 1999

Rick Wiltraut  
223 Lincoln Ave.  
Nazareth, PA 18064

Dear Rick,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Red Phalarope you saw at Martin's Creek on 7 September, 1996. The record circulated the committee for two rounds. After careful review and much discussion, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The committee felt the photograph was not detailed enough to eliminate Red-necked Phalarope beyond reasonable doubt. For example, the bird's partially opened bill tends to preclude the use of bill thickness to distinguish between the two species. This does not mean of course that the bird was not a Red Phalarope, merely that the details did not allow for a definite determination.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

For the Committee,  
Roy A. Ickes, Chairperson

Record # 331-01-1996

P.S. The record of the Nelson's Sharp-tailed you saw at Minsi Lake on 12 November, 1996 needs to be discussed at the P. O. R. C. meeting this June. I will keep you informed.



# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of 2

Species: Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*)

Date of Sighting: 7 September 1996 to 7 September 1996

Location: MARTIN'S CREEK

County: NORTHAMPTON

Observer(s): Rick Wiltraut

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Rick Wiltraut

Written Description: NO

Photo: YES

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
N. Pulcinella	X							
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams							X	
P. Schwalbe	X							
S. Feldstein							X	
TOTALS	5						2	
DECISION								

Comments:

Go to Second Round.

Signature (Secretary):

F. Ickes

Date:

8-16-97

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*)

Date of Sighting: 7 September 1996 to 7 September 1996

Location: MARTIN'S CREEK

County: NORTHAMPTON

Observer(s): Rick Wiltraut

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Rick Wiltraut

Written Description: NO

Photo: YES

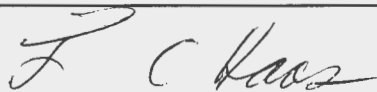
Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas				X				
P. Schwalbe	X							
E. Kwater								
R. Ickes							X	
S. Feldstein								X
J. McWilliams							X	
N. Pulcinella	X							
TOTALS	2			1			2	1
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

4-19-95