

24 April, 1999

Walter L. Shaffer
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Dear Walt,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Red Phalarope you saw in Imperial 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 that the photographs did not rule out the possibility of a Red-necked Phalarope (e. g., the bill shape is not definitive and the mantle pattern is questionable). This does not mean of course that the bird was not a Red Phalarope, merely that the photographs 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 # 331-02-1996



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: IMPERIAL

County: ALLEGHENY

Observer(s): Walt Shaffer

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Walt Shaffer

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):

L. C. Haas

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: IMPERIAL

County: ALLEGHENY

Observer(s): Walt Shaffer

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Walt Shaffer

Written Description: NO

Photo: YES

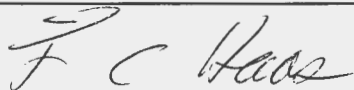
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E. Kwater								
R. Ickes	X							
S. Feldstein								X
J. McWilliams							X	
N. Pulcinella	X							
TOTALS	2						3	1
DECISION	2						3	

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

4-19-95