

331-01 - 1998

P. O. Box 482
1336 Broadway
Hanover, PA 17331
19 March 1999

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
C/O Frank Haas
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555-9726

Dear PORC:

The following belated report is based upon my own notes, made at the time of the observation, offered now in case no one else submitted documentation, or in case the additional documentation is of some benefit.

Species: Red Phalarope

Date/Time: 19 August 1998. 3:15 PM - 7:15 PM.

Location: Lancaster County. Conejohela Flats, Susquehanna River at Washington Boro.

Weather: 75 degrees F., very clear, 15 mph.

Observer: Peter Robinson

Optics: Leica Ultra 12x50BA binoculars; Celestron C-5 scope at 48X.

Camera: Canon ES 3000 High Resolution 8 MM, with 20X optical zoom lens.

Observation: Please see video film of the bird taken as close as about 15 yards. After photographing the bird, I watched it through the binoculars, as close as about 10 yards. This bird was about the same size as the Red-necked Phalarope. With the binoculars, I noticed that this bird had a thicker, more blunt bill than the Red-necked Phalarope, and this bird's bill was a slight redish color at the base. It was molting from summer to winter plumage. It had a dark eye-patch on the side of the face, was dark on the top of the head, the sides of the neck were tan color, and it had some gray colored feathers showing on the back. This bird's movement was quite quick and "jumpy"

Comments: As I approached the mudflat area in the canoe, I noticed a "jumpy" gray and white shorebird that I assumed was the Red-necked Phalarope that I'd seen at a nearby section of the Conejohela

Flats on 14 August 1998 and again on 16 August 1998. I got out of the canoe, picked up the video camera, photographed the bird, then looked at it with the binoculars. Through the binoculars, I realized that the bird was a Red Phalarope instead of the Red-necked Phalarope seen before. When I go home, I tried to report the bird on the PA Birds Listserve, but the message did not get through. The Listserve was not working properly that day, and for the next few days. No one else saw the Red Phalarope, as far as I know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Robinson".

Peter Robinson

717.632.8462

peterrobins@hotmail.com

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*)

Date of Sighting: 19 August 1998 to 19 August 1998

Location: WASHINGTON BORO

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Peter Robinson

Date of Submission: 1999

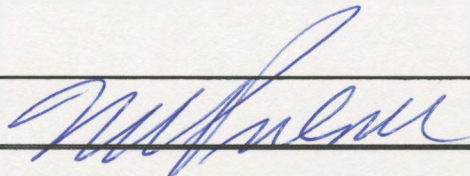
Submitted by: Peter Robinson

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING VIDEO

| Member | Class I | Class II | Class III | Class IV-A | | | | Abstain |
|---------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | Class IV-B | Class IV-C | Class V | |
| D. Couchman | | | X | | | | | |
| T. Floyd | | | | | | | | X |
| P. Hess | X | | | | | | | |
| R. Ickes | X | | | | | | | |
| J. McWilliams | X | | | | | | | |
| B. Reid | X | | | | | | | |
| P. Rodewald | X | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 5 | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| DECISION | X | | | | | | | |

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 9/18/00