

March 13, 2005

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The records committee did not come to a consensus on the documentation of the 2 shorebirds you identified as Red Phalaropes at Conneaut Marsh. The report was circulated twice and received 4 votes to accept and 3 to reject the first time and then 3 to accept and 4 to reject the second. The reviewers were fairly evenly divided. The main concern with the description was that the observation was so brief. Additionally, in your description you described the birds as larger than a Killdeer, and with an all black bills neither of which is consistent with Red Phalarope.

We do appreciate you sending in the description and hope you continue to document unusual birds in the future.

Sincerely

Matt Sharp
Chair: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee.

331-01-2002

RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: RED PHALAROPE Date of this Observation: Nov. 17, 2002Date Found: 11/17/02 Last Date Seen: 11/17/02Location: Custards Bridge, Conneaut Marsh, on Mercer Pike RoadTownship/City: GREENWOOD TWP. County: CRAWFORDPerson Writing this report: Ronald F. LebermanAddress: 11508 Pettis RoadMeadville, Pa. 16335 Phone: 814-724-5071Other Observers: noneWho found the bird first: Ronald F. LebermanOther documentation Included: (Circle all appropriate items)(Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)

Photograph

Audio Recording

Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? _____

Description: (Attach additional pages as needed —Please do not write on back of this form)

On Sunday November 17 at about 10 AM while birding Conneaut Marsh north of Custards, Pa. I parked my car near the bridge. I scanned the area with my scope and came up empty. As I was thinking of moving on, ^{two}~~two~~ fair sized shorebirds flew by close to the guard rails and my car. As I put my binoclar on them they circled arround at about eighty feet, and I could tell that they were Phalaropes. The birds completed the circle, and moved down (West) the marsh channel towards I-79. The birds seemed chunkier than most shorebirds a bit larger than Killdeer (also no rust or brown). The ^{throat}~~troat~~ and belly were pure white, the heads were all white ~~except~~ for a small grayish black stripe from the eye to the neck area. The bill was ~~thicker~~ than a Wilson' or Red-necked Phalarope's and all black. The back ~~was~~ a smoth ^{smooth} bluish gray and the wings were dark with a striking white stripe narrow, and long. Niether bird called, or made a noise. I am asuming they were Red Phalaropes (not a common bird here)

I have seen Red Phalaropes a few times over the years mostly at Presque Isle in Erie County, back in the 1950's, 60's, and 70's.

I also had seen one here in Crawford county Oct. 28, 1981 at Pymatuning Lake Causeway.

Temp. 33-34

conditions - light drizzle - off and on cloudy

light - fair to good

wind - calm

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Red Phalarope (Phalaropus fulicaria)

Date of Sighting: 17 November 2002 to 17 November 2002

Location: CONNEAUT MARSH

County: CRAWFORD

Observer(s): Ronald Leberman

Date of Submission: 2002

Submitted by: Ronald Leberman

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

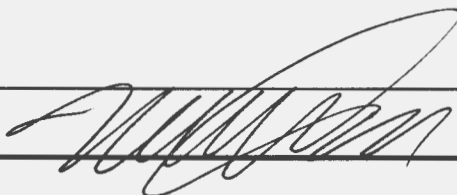
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B, C, D			Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead				X				
D. Heathcote			X					
P. Hess					X			
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman			X					
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS			4	2	1			
DECISION								

Comments: 4/3 Go to 2nd Round

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 6/14/03

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round ~~One~~ TWO

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Observer(s): Ronald Leberman

Date of Submission: 2002

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Written Description: Yes

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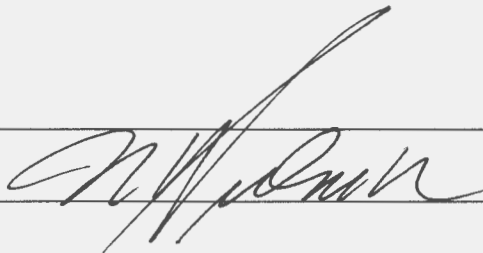
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G. Armistead				X				
D. Heathcote				X				
P. Hess					X			
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman			X					
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS			3	3	1			
DECISION				X				

Comments:

3/4

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

2/10/04