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## Red Phalarope

Seen Oct. 7, 2003 between 5 PM. - 7 PM  
seen at 224 River Rd Starbrick on The  
Allegheny River.

First impression from a distance was of  
a small gull, noticeably smaller than a  
Bonaparte, somewhat larger than a  
Least Sandpiper.

Viewed with binoculars + spotting scope  
Closest view was 60-70 yds.

Gray back + white underparts,  
most notable characteristics were black  
stripe through eye and cheek and  
narrow black stripe from crown down  
back of neck to the back.

1½" long bill was all black.

White stripe along back of wing  
showed in flight.

Bird would float down with current  
swimming about in circles and picking  
at the water's surface. After floating  
to where the current spread out  
it would fly back upstream 80-100 yd  
+ start over again.

Flight was fast + low over the water  
gliding in quickly to a landing.

John Schult



Ted J. Grisez  
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Nov. 24, 2003

Dear Mr. Pulcinella,

This is an account of bird John Schultz saw on the Allegheny River near Warren and identified as a Red Phalarope. Other people saw it, but did not submit a report. If accepted it would be a first for Warren Co. Too bad he didn't describe the back.

I looked for other records of them in McWilliam's book and also read about the Red-necked Phalarope. I was surprised that there is a record for the red-necked on the Allegheny Reservoir in Warren Co. on 10/13/67. It was ID'd with a photograph.

I'm not asking you to add this to my list of Warren Co. birds. There will be others, no doubt, that can be mentioned later, as was done for one of the other co. lists.

Thank you for getting my Warren Co. list published. It is very nice the way it is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ted".

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Red Phalarope (Phalaropus fulicaria)

Date of Sighting: 7 October 2003 to 7 October 2003

Location: WARREN

County: ALLEGHENY RIVER

Observer(s): John Schultz

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Ted Grisez

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

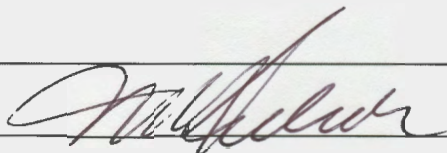
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
<del>G. Armistead</del> RW. IT/AT				X				
D. Heathcote				X				
P. Guris				X				
J. Stanley				X				
E. Witmer				X				
R. Leberman					X			
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS				6	1			
DECISION				X				

Comments: 0/7

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/16/04