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**PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM**

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania.

Send documentation to:

**Nick Pulcinella, Secretary**

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

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**SPECIES** (common and scientific name) Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*)

**Subspecies** (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS** 1      **SEX(ES) ?**

**AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S)** (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): Basic Plumage

**DATE OF OBSERVATION** 11/16-11/17      **TIME** 11/16 1:30-2:30 PM 11/17 3:30-4:15 PM

**LOCATION** (city, borough, township) Haycock Twp.

**EXACT SITE** (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Nockamixon St. Pk.

**OBSERVER REPORTING:**

Name August Mirabella

Address 1443 Wheaton Lane

City North Wales      State PA      ZIP 19454

e-mail (optional) augustmirabella@aol.com      phone (optional) 215-368-0594

**OTHER OBSERVERS** (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Found by Devich Farbotnik earlier in the day. 11/16 I was alone; 11/17 Judy Mirabella

**HABITAT** (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details): Shallow edge of lake in probably alien floating mass of water plants.

**DISTANCE TO BIRD** 30 feet to 100 yards

**VIEWING CONDITIONS** (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) 11/16 It was cloudy with varying intensity of rain from heavy to moderate. Surprisingly, the views were excellent in the scope anyway. 11/17 Hazy clouds with sun showing through. Excellent views.

**OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED** Zeiss 7x42 & Leica APO Trinovid 77

**DESCRIPTION** (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): Gray back, gray extending down the sides between breast and flanks, some paler smudgy gray on flanks. Front of neck and breast white. White forehead extending halfway or more through crown. Rear of crown dark gray extending in a dark strip down back of neck. Dark eyeline/patch upturned at rear. Rest of face and neck white. Dark bill broader than in Red-necked Phalarope. Feet were dark. White wing stripe seen in flight.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

**BEHAVIOR** (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Feeding on the mat of water plants. It would fly between feeding spots. At times the bird was actually walking on the mat of plants.

**VOCALIZATIONS** High squeaky single note when it took off.

**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:**

**Photograph** Attached (2)      **Video recording** \_\_\_\_\_      **Audio recording** \_\_\_\_\_      **Drawing** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photographer/recorder/illustrator:**

Name August Mirabella-I assume Farbotnik will submit better photos later.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

**IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:**

General condition \_\_\_\_\_

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known \_\_\_\_\_

**SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES** (how you eliminated others)

Eyeline/patch and thick bill eliminates Wilson's Phalarope. Extensive white on crown, thick bill, lack of back streaking eliminates Red-necked.

**DISCUSSION** – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

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**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES**

Have seen this plumage before at very close range.

**ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ?** (why or why not)

Yes, close views with details clear.

**REFERENCES CONSULTED:**

During observation: None

After observation: Sibley Guide

**DATE OF THIS REPORT: 11/17/2011**

**SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER** August Mirabella

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Red Phalarope    Phalaropus fulicaria

Date of Sighting: 16 November 2011 to 17 November 2011

County : BUCKS

Location : NOCKAMIXON STATE PARK

Observer(s): August Mirabella, Devich Farbotnik

Date of Submission: 2011

Submitted by: August Mirabella

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. DeReamus	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
R. Koury	X							
D. Weber	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)

Nick Pulcinella

Date:

7/11/12