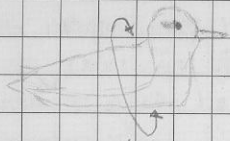


Submission Date	2012-11-27 14:31:55
Observer's Name	Cameron Rutt
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Observer's Address	Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Melissa Roach, Andy McGann
Species (Common Name)	Red Phalarope
Species (Scientific Name)	Phalaropus fulicarius
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Appeared to be a nonbreeding adult
Observation Date and Time	10-31-2012 9:45 AM
County	Berks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	near Shoemakersville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Ontelaunee
Habitat	Seen sitting on the lake itself
Optical equipment used	Swarovski ST-80 scope
Description	See field notes/sketches (only the left-hand page pertains to this bird, from 10/31)
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Briefly seen sitting on the water's surface before taking flight, low over the water, and heading SE and out of view (but may still have lingered at the lake).
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	The shape and structure of the bird both favor REPH over RNPH, but the clean, gray back and bold white wingbar in flight eliminate RNPH from consideration.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Drawing
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	REPH_field_notes.pdf
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REPH 10/31/2012 Lake Okauchee
9:45 AM

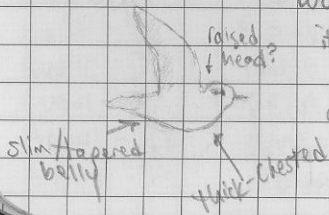
mostly gray & white small shorebird swimming in the lake (visible from the bank); very distant but appeared to have a clean, gray back & short bill.



thick around middle w/sloping back

gray back/wings w/white underparts except for dark eye-mask. In flight appeared to have some chest markings/coloration

Unsettled & twice flew showing clean, gray back in flight w/ a bold white wingstripe on otherwise plain wings. Looked distinctly chesty in flight. Flight was slow, as though it could land at any moment (perhaps described as deep, deliberate wingbeats)



REPH 10/30/2012 Nanpville (on the Susquehanna River)
5:15 PM

While scooping the river, I spotted a very small bird floating on the surface, drifting downstream. It was very pale overall with white underparts & pale gray upperparts. Aside from a black eye-mask, it lacked any other visible coloring/patterning. I could not make out bill color/shape to assist in differentiating from RPHH. However, the bird's upright, front-heavy posture w/ a clean, gray back eliminate RPHH.



After floating past us, it quickly vanished but was easy to lose track of due to its small size.