

Submission Date	2012-12-22 15:03:04
Observer's Name	Rick Robinson
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 114 Mallard Drive City: Coatesville State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19320 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Rand McIlvane, Marian Quinn
Species (Common Name)	Red Phalarope
Species (Scientific Name)	Phalaropus fulicaria
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	winter plumage, sex unknown
Observation Date and Time	11-01-2012 07:30 AM
County	Chester
Location (City, Borough, Township)	West Caln Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Chambers Lake, Chester County
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.030342, -75.851933
Habitat	Lake; bird observed on water and on shore-line
Distance to bird	On water; variable, from 20 - 100 yards; on land, as close as five (5) feet
Viewing conditions	Clear
Optical equipment used	Leica Ultravid 8x42 HD binocular , Kowa TSN-2 with 25x eye-piece
Description	Very light colored bird first observed. Sat in water like a small gull, general size and proportion did not fit. Scope views then showed the relatively short, stout bill, and facial pattern. Prominent wing-stripe showed in-flight.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird first observed in water across the lake,by shore; it worked it's way along shore for a bit, then swan out towards the middle of the lake. It then flew. It was

shortly re-found in a sheltered cove, walking along the shore-line, picking at food. It was then spooked and flew back across the lake; then worked its way for several hundred yards along shore-line, going in and out of reed beds, before finally taking flight.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Quickly separated from any small gull species; short-stout bill eliminated, wing-stripe and facial pattern eliminated Wilson's phalarope; plain grey back and stout bill eliminated red-necked phalarope.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes - see above; anectodally red phalaropes were reported from many areas, following hurricane Sandy.

During

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After

The Shorebird Guide by O'Brien et al, National Geographic

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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