PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	Street Address: 2525 Grand Street City: Williamsport State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17701 Country: United States
Species (Common Name)	Red Phalarope
Species (Scientific Name)	Phalaropus fulicarius
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Pre-alternate molt
Observation Date and Time	05-11-2013 7:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S14097848
County	Lycoming
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Williamsport, PA
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lycoming Creek, along Lycoming Creek Bikeway between Memorial Street and West 4th Street Bridges
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 41.240959, W -77.048806
Habitat	Flowing water
Distance to bird	30 meters
Viewing conditions	clear evening, dark
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Conquest 10 x 50
Description	Bird was floating in the middle of the creek spinning in circles and picking at food in water. Thick black bill with yellow at base of bill. Molting heavily, very dusky
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was	Bird was spinning in tight circles while foraging for food. Would float down creek and then fly back up the creek 100

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doing)	and repeat process.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Thick bill with yellow base ruled out Red-necked Phalarope. I believe phalaropes are only shorebirds that float in water and forage.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, thick black bill with yellow at base, which rules out Red-necked Phalarope
During	Sibley's Guide to Birds of Eastern North America
After	Drew Weber, Tim Schreckengost
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	Red Phalarope.jpg
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