

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Observer's Address</b>	991 Camp Rd Telford PA 18969 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	multiple observers in next two days
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Red phalarope
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Phalaropus fulicarius
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	09-03-2016 1:00 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S31393682">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S31393682</a>
<b>County</b>	Montgomery
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Green Lane
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Green Lane Park - Walt Road
<b>Habitat</b>	seasonal mudflats - reservoir water levels were low this year
<b>Distance to bird</b>	less than 50 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear, sunny

**Description**

Small shorebird observed in deeper water, swimming as it fed on upon the surface of the water. It was constantly in motion. Legs were not observed as the bird never left the water. It had clean white flanks and was clean white under its tail. The back was scaled with black and brown/gold coloring. There was no streaking observed on the back. The upper flanks had some gray mixing in with the scaled black and brown/gold pattern. The throat, breast and sides of neck were buffy colored. The face was white with a black "comma" around the eye. The head had a dark cap which appeared black but it certain light took on some streaks and coloration of the brown/gold color seen on the back. The dark cap transitioned down the back of the neck into a stripe running down the length of the neck. The bill was moderately long, all black, and upon first observation appeared pretty thin. It was only after comparing pictures with two Red-necked phalaropes that I had seen recently that the bill did not appear as thin as a Red-necked would.

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

Swimming as it fed upon the surface of the water. In constant motion.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Initial separation from both Wilson's and Red-necked phalarope was via the bill - more stout/thick than either of those species.

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

Yes. Pictures are diagnostic.

**During**

Sibley app

**After**

Sibley guide to eastern North America

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**

[Red Phalarope 1.jpg](#)



[Red Phalarope 2.jpg](#)



[Red Phalarope 3.jpg](#)



[Red Phalarope 4.jpg](#)



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