PA Rare Bird Report

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Names of additional **Paul Driver** observers

Species (Common Name) Red phalarope

Species (Scientific Name) Phalaropus fulicarius

Number of individuals

Observation Date and Time 04-29-2017 7:00 AM

Did you submit this sighting Yes

to eBird?

Link to eBird checklist

https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S36383064

County Montgomery

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Green Lane

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)

Green Lane Park - Church Road Bird Sanctuary

Habitat exposed mudlfats

Distance to bird 75 yards

Description Copied from eBird:

Red Phalarope

Remove Species

A disheveled looking bird, in molt from basic to alternate plumage. Blended in very well with the mud, too far for a picture. Mottled above, some hints of red coming through, on flanks and particularly under rump (Red-necked would show white under rump - good point by Paul Driver) Bill was what first clued me into ID - thicker/stouter than Red-necked. Structurally it reminded me strongly of the bird found last fall at Green Lane, which I spent a lot of time studying before IDing.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Feeding on the mudflats.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Bill stouter/thicker than Red-necked phalarope. Red coming through under rump - Red-necked would show white under rump.
Are you positive of your identification? (Why or why not)	Yes. Bill structure and red under rump ruled out Red-necked.
During	Sibley guide to birds of eastern North America

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