

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2020-08-18 16:39:33
Observer's Name	August Mirabella
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Observer's Address	1443 Wheaton Lane North Wales PA 19454 United States
Names of additional observers	August Mirabella
Species (Common Name)	Red
Species (Scientific Name)	Phalarope
Subspecies (if known)	Phalaropus fulicarius
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	juv./1st winter
Observation Date and Time	08-26-2020 2:50 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S59295375
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Britain Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.3261424,-75.1893997
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	20 ft at closest
Viewing conditions	70s Sunny
Optical equipment used	7x42 Zeis Leica Scope

Description

The pictures show a juv. changing into basic. The pattern on the back of juv. is broken by the gray basic. The breast shows a buff wash as in juv. Thick bill. Saw again on 8/27 and others saw it 8/28.

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

Feeding on the surface of lake

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The thick bill separated from Red-necked Phalarope. I was concerned about the bill appearing to be all black instead of showing some yellow, so asked Dave Sibley about that. His reply was, "This is a typical juvenile/first winter Red Phalarope. The bill color can be all blackish at that age."

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

Yes, per description, photos, and Dave Sibley

After

Sibley Guide

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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