







PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania.

Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Say's Phoebe Sayornis

saya

Subspecies (if known)

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 **SEX(ES)**

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): Adult-white edges on
secondaries

DATE OF OBSERVATION 12-13-11 (last seen 12/22) **TIME** 2:15pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Bucks County, Buckingham Township

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Maple Knoll Farms 5388 Ridge Road New Hope, PA 18938-5415

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Richard O. Smith Road 5388 Ridge Road

City New Hope State PA ZIP 18938-5415

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): NONE; Many on 12/14 thru 12/22

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) cow pasture surrounded by single wire electric fence on 200+ acre farm in agricultural area.

DISTANCE TO BIRD 1st sighting 30 feet w/ no optics. 2nd sighting minutes later 55 yards with optics

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) clear, sun on my left, bird on my right. Good light conditions.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Swarovski SLC 10X42 WB
binoculars

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): Approximate size of Eastern Phoebe (slightly larger). No other birds in the vicinity. Seen from back and left side only. Light gray overall including top of head. White edges on secondaries (adult) Orange color on flanks and undertail coverts. Well seen!

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Perched on wire. Flew off wire and perched farther away on wire. One short forage flight of about 20 feet observed (as in bug hawking). Bird appeared nervous, skittish. Appeared phoebe-like. Tail wag was observed.

VOCALIZATIONS None heard

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph YES **Video recording** Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name August Mirabella

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City North Wales State PA ZIP 19454

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Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) __Light gray-brown overall, light gray-brown not dark head. Orange flanks and undertail coverts. _____

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

_____ Eastern phoebes use this location regularly during migration. I am quite familiar with Eastern phoebes. When first seen, bird was immediately recognized as a phoebe type but with wrong coloring for Eastern Phoebe. Returning with binoculars, orange flanks and undertail coverts were observed. Bird was observed for several minutes allowing for detailed looks.

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

_____ Jan 16-23 2010-Wings trip to southern California and southern Arizona led by Paul Lehman, 91 individuals observed. April 2006 commonly seen in S/E Arizona during week-long trip. _____

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ? (why or why not)

_____ Yes _____

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE

After observation _Sibleys Guide to Birds_____

DATE OF THIS REPORT: ____12/14/11 (added last date on12/26)

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER _____Richard O. Smith

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Say's Phoebe Sayornis saya

Date of Sighting: 13 December 2011 to 22 December 2011

County : BUCKS

Location : MAPLE KNOLL FARM

Observer(s): Richard Smith, Vicky Smith m.obs

Date of Submission: 2011

Submitted by: Richard Smith, August Mirabella, Ed Norman

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. DeReamus	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
R. Koury	X							
D. Weber	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) Nick Pulcinella

Date: 7/11/12