

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-12-12 02:55:32
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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Say's Phoebe
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Sayornis saya
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-08-2016 3:00 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32435915">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32435915</a>
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Ephrata
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Frysville Rd
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.167679, -76.092867
<b>Habitat</b>	Far pasture
<b>Distance to bird</b>	50m - 150m
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear but difficult looking towards the afternoon sun
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Zeiss Victory 10x42 binoculars, Swarovski ATX 30-70x95 scope
<b>Description</b>	Size and structure very similar to Eastern Phoebe. Low contrast plumage overall. Plain gray-brown upperside blending to darker head. Weak pale wingbars and pale edges to secondaries & tertials. Dark tail. Underside with gray-brown throat and chest blending to a dark pinkish-orange on belly and undertail.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Perching on low wire fence surrounding pasture. Making midair foraging flights and returning to near previous perching spot. Also often dropped to the ground out of sight. Viewed off and on for over an hour.

<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	Eastern Phoebe is pale off-white and/or yellowish on underside. Female Vermilion Flycatcher can have similar color on belly but is smaller and has pale streaked chest and white on throat and upper face.
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	Yes. Photos are poor but diagnostic.
<b>During</b>	Sibley Guide
<b>After</b>	Sibley Guide
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	Photograph



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