

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2018-11-26 22:46:39
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	203 Goshen Rd Schwenksville PA 19473 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	None.
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Say's Phoebe
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Sayornis saya
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult, age and sex unknown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-25-2018 10:00 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S50245981">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S50245981</a>
<b>County</b>	Chester
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Phoenixville
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Black Rock Sanctuary 953 Black Rock Rd, Phoenixville PA
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.153089, -75.506892
<b>Habitat</b>	Found at fields edge on the upper part of the sanctuary adjacent too the car park. , grassy fields cut and uncut with low bushes and smaller low to the ground trees.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	50/75 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Mainly overcast but 55 degrees out.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Canon 77D with Sigma contemporary 150-600mm lens. Manual settings ( can provide if needed)

<b>Description</b>	I had come upon my second pass of the area that day , meaning the meadows and grasslands that sit near the entrance of the sanctuary (vs the deciduous forest and lake below) and noted a call I had never heard. as there was little background bird or human noise, I turned towards the call and immediately noted a flycatcher/phoebe shaped bird. At a 100 ft distance without binoculars. I noticed that this bird in particular was a bit longer at 6-7 “(est) and had the typical flycatcher /phoebe type head although lighter and without any eye bar or eye ring. It had the black legs and eye and what really struck me was the rufous /salmon colored belly and coverts which was hard to miss even at a distance.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	This bird was for the most part perching at low branches of the smaller trees in the area ( 4 feet off the ground) and would dip down hovering at about 18-20” off the ground looking for insects . Then it would fly back up and sit. While sitting it would bob its’ tail quite a bit. I was fortunate enoug to observe this behavior before he flew to the first private property adjacent to the sanctuary.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	The wingbars, the length and taper of this birds body, but above all the coloration that is alone distinct as it has the rufous belly and coverts. (The only similar species I am aware of is the vermilion flycatcher female, but even then the coloring is much darker and the eye bar very distinct in the vermilion)
<b>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</b>	If you have any further questions or would like any additional photographs , please do not hesitate to contact me !
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	Yes -I have had the time immediately during and more so afterwards to research and be very certain this is a Says’ Phoebe. I utilized all available online refocuses including reaching out to Cornell Lab and ABA online, speaking and sending photos to other birder friends of mine and cross referencing in my Sibleys guide.
<b>During</b>	My ibird plus app as well as Cornell Lab online while there
<b>After</b>	Followed up online with Cornell and Sibleys at home.
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	Photograph
<b>Upload images, audio, video or drawings</b>	



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