

**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:

**Nick Pulcinella, Secretary**  
**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**  
**613 Howard Ave.**  
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330-01-2003

**SPECIES** (common and scientific name) Red-necked Phalarope Phalaropus lobatus  
**Subspecies** (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 Non breeding

**DATE OF OBSERVATION** 9/19/03 **TIME** At daylight around 7:00 a.m.

**LOCATION** (city, borough, township) Quemahoning Township

**EXACT SITE** (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Quemahoning Reservoir

**OBSERVER REPORTING:**

Name Ross Gifford  
Address 306 Bin Lane  
City Windber State PA ZIP 15963  
e-mail (optional) the.ross@earthlink.net phone (optional) 717-266-4967

**OTHER OBSERVERS** (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):  
Larry Lewis and I saw the bird at the same time.

**HABITAT** (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Fly around the Quemahoning

**DISTANCE TO BIRD** Around 75-100 yards

**VIEWING CONDITIONS** (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Cloudy, slight drizzle  
During Hurricane Isabel.

**OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED** Celestron Noble PC 10x50 & Orion JX66 spotting scope / 200mm zoom  
e/c pc-cu

**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): The Red-necked Phalarope seemed to be very small and compact. It was white under neck and had a streaky grey back. The top of the wing was dark and had a thin white line going through it. The underwing had a dark outline. The only area on the underwing that seemed white were the axillaries.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

**BEHAVIOR** (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Flaw around the lake  
2 times and then disappeared.

**VOCALIZATIONS**  
No vocalizations heard.

**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:**

Photograph \_\_\_\_\_ Video recording \_\_\_\_\_ Audio recording \_\_\_\_\_ Drawing \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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) I eliminated Red Phalarope  
in a few ways. First, Red Phalarope should still have been molting and  
the bird I saw had no red on it at all. Also the underwing of the bird  
I saw was dark. The underwing of a Red Phalarope is mostly white.

**DISCUSSION** – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it  
Phalaropes were seen throughout the day in PA. I also think that other  
people had more phalaropes at the time later in the day. It can  
easily be explained why it was there because of Hurricane Isabel

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES**

Only phalarope I have experience with is Wilson's. I have seen  
Wilson's in NY, VT, and AZ.

**ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION?** (why or why not) I am positive of my  
ID. I got good looks at the bird and saw the main features that  
tell it apart from Red Phalarope.

**REFERENCES CONSULTED:**

During observation None  
After observation Sibley's guide to birds

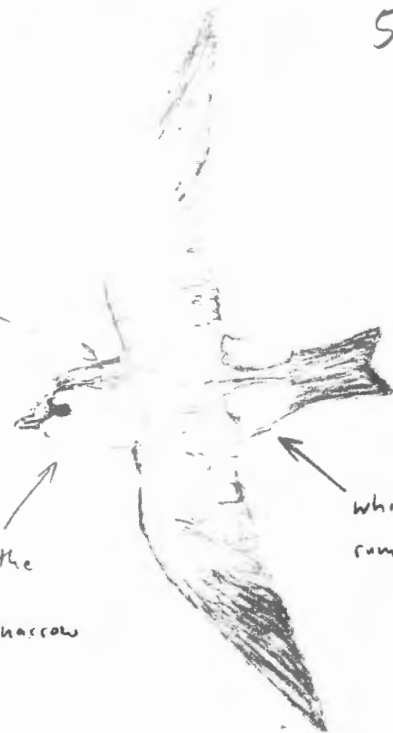
**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** 9/25/03

**SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER** Ross P. Sullordy

571-01-1995

Violet-green SwallowTachycineta thalassina

Back appeared to be emerald  
green



white cheeks which cause the  
dark cap to appear very narrow

white flank patches forming a narrow  
rump stripe

August 25 1995

Penn Forest Reservoir overlook, Carbon/Morago County

Bird seen for about 5-10 min. around 9:45 am (in the company of cliff swallows)

- At a distance of about 200 ± yard

- Seen through a Bush and Lomb 60x20 spotting scope

While looking for shorebirds I noticed a group of 10± cliff swallows flying over water while observing them I noticed a strange swallow. I first noticed that the bird had an apparent white rump and flank I noticed that it had very white cheeks. At this point I was beginning to get excited. I observed the bird for several minutes as it flew near the surface of the water and over the mud flats with the cliff swallows. The bird displayed very white cheeks which cause it to appear to have had a narrow dark cap. The back had an emerald back that shined in the sunlight. The bird had a white flank that extended far up the rump which cause the birds to have a thin dark stripe down the center of the rump.

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of**

Species: Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)

Date of Sighting: 25 August 1995 to 25 August 1995

Location: PENN FOREST RESERVOIR

County: CARBON

Observer(s): Jason Horn

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Jason Horn

Written Description: YES Photo: NO Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

| Member          | Class I | Class II | Class III | Class IV | Class V |   |   | Abstain |
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| <b>TOTALS</b>   |         |          | 6         | 1        |         |   |   |         |
| <b>DECISION</b> |         |          |           |          |         |   |   |         |

Comments:

~~Send to secret round.~~

Signature (Secretary):

Date: