

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)
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

DATE OF OBSERVATION October 9, 2006 TIME 8:00 A.M.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Middletown Township

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Core Creek Park, at the edge of Lake Luxembourg,
north of the boat rental parking lot

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Bill Keim
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City Upper Holland State PA ZIP 19053
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): None

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) along edge of lake, in restored
lakeside vegetation (grasses, reeds, shrubs) in a narrow strip between lake and lawn.

DISTANCE TO BIRD 20 feet

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Bright sunny (from the
side), clear, 55°, calm

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Swarovski 8.5x42 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): Posture and cocked tail were indicators that

this was a wren. Overall coloration was light. Bill was light.
A light streak, less sharply defined than a Carolina Wren, extended
behind the eye. Back was streaky. Wings were checked-patterned.
Breast was pale, unmarked. Flank was buffy (light chestnut).

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) While watching a flock of Song, Savannah and Swamp Sparrows feeding at the edge of the lawn and higher vegetation, a clear-breasted bird hopped into my field of view in a small shrub about 1 foot above the ground. It immediately turned sideways, revealing its wren-like structure. I got a good look for about 20 seconds. It then flew to another shrub 5 feet away, then to the reeds in the higher vegetation, then down. Total viewing time less than 1 min.
VOCALIZATIONS None

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 of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) Definitely a wren - structure
Carolina Wren - Supercilium was less distinct, back and wings were lighter and stripey
House Wren - Supercilium was obvious, back was stripey, breast was lighter, flanks were buff
Winter Wren - Body more lanky, Overall coloration much lighter, tail longer
Marsh Wren - No rufous coloration, Back more stripey, wings checked, lighter

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: _____

Despite 2 more hours of searching with 3 additional observers, bird did not reappear. However, we also did not get any other wrens to pop up in the same area, making at least confusion with Carolina or House less likely.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES First sedge wren; very familiar with House, Carolina, Marsh and Winter Wrens.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes. Definitely a wren; observed features consistent with Sedge Wren; no other wrens match

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation Sibley Eastern

After observation Sibley (complete), Birds of Pennsylvania (McWilliams & Brauninger)

DATE OF THIS REPORT: Oct 18, 2006

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER William J Keen

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Sedge Wren Cistothorus platensis

Date of Sighting: 7 October 2006 to 7 October 2006

Location: CORE CREEK PARK

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): Bill Keim

Date of Submission: 2006

Submitted by: Bill Keim

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

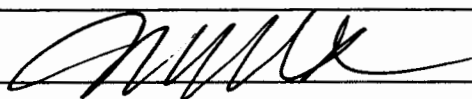
Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
A. Guarente			X					
T. Johnson			X					
J. Stanley								
E. Witmer			X					
J. Heller			X					
G. Malosh			X					
TOTALS			6					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/30/07