

Submission Date	2012-11-05 20:02:20
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 233 Gaskill St City: Philadelphia State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19147 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Adrian Binns, Debbie Beer, Al Guarente, Frank Windfelder , and many others.
Species (Common Name)	Red Phalarope
Species (Scientific Name)	Phalaropus lobatus
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Nonbreeding Adult
Observation Date and Time	10-31-2012 7:10 AM
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	John Heinz NWR
Habitat	Lake-impoundment after Hurricane Sandy
Distance to bird	35 yards
Viewing conditions	Fair
Optical equipment used	Scope and Binos
Description	Medium-sized shorebird; forehead, face, and breast white; black patch through eye; pale gray back and nape; longish bill.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Noticed bird from quite a distance away because of size and active feeding behavior. It was swimming and darted around picking at the surface of the water. Watched for about fifteen minutes.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Red-necked Phalarope is the only other possibility. This bird had a paler gray back than the darker, streaked back seen on Red-necked Phalaropes. The thicker bill was also evident.

Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Debbie Beer was able to get a photograph of the Red Phalarope.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes--not a difficult ID.

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