

Submission Date	2012-11-27 14:31:55
Observer's Name	Cameron Rutt
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Observer's Address	Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Tom Johnson, Doug Gochfeld, Melissa Roach, Andy McGann
Species (Common Name)	Red Phalarope
Species (Scientific Name)	Phalaropus fulicarius
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Appeared to be a nonbreeding adult
Observation Date and Time	10-31-2012 9:45 AM
County	Berks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	near Shoemakersville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Ontelaunee
Habitat	Seen sitting on the lake itself
Optical equipment used	Swarovski ST-80 scope
Description	See field notes/sketches (only the left-hand page pertains to this bird, from 10/31)
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Briefly seen sitting on the water's surface before taking flight, low over the water, and heading SE and out of view (but may still have lingered at the lake).
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	The shape and structure of the bird both favor REPH over RNPH, but the clean, gray back and bold white wingbar in flight eliminate RNPH from consideration.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Drawing
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	REPH_field_notes.pdf
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