

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-12-22 15:03:04
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 114 Mallard Drive City: Coatesville State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19320 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Rand McIlvane, Marian Quinn
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Red Phalarope
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Phalaropus fulicaria
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	winter plumage, sex unknown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-01-2012 07:30 AM
<b>County</b>	Chester
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	West Caln Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Chambers Lake, Chester County
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.030342, -75.851933
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake; bird observed on water and on shore-line
<b>Distance to bird</b>	On water; variable, from 20 - 100 yards; on land, as close as five (5) feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica Ultravid 8x42 HD binocular , Kowa TSN-2 with 25x eye-piece
<b>Description</b>	Very light colored bird first observed. Sat in water like a small gull, general size and proportion did not fit. Scope views then showed the relatively short, stout bill, and facial pattern. Prominent wing-stripe showed in-flight.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Bird first observed in water across the lake,by shore; it worked it's way along shore for a bit, then swan out towards the middle of the lake. It then flew. It was

shortly re-found in a sheltered cove, walking along the shore-line, picking at food. It was then spooked and flew back across the lake; then worked its way for several hundred yards along shore-line, going in and out of reed beds, before finally taking flight.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Quickly separated from any small gull species; short-stout bill eliminated, wing-stripe and facial pattern eliminated Wilson's phalarope; plain grey back and stout bill eliminated red-necked phalarope.

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

Yes - see above; anectodally red phalaropes were reported from many areas, following hurricane Sandy.

**During**

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**After**

The Shorebird Guide by O'Brien et al, National Geographic

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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