

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2013-06-26 16:32:20
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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	Debbie Beer, Adrian Binns, Denis Brennan, Frank Windfelder
Species (Common Name)	Cattle Egret
Species (Scientific Name)	Bubulcus ibis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Basic-plumaged Adult
Observation Date and Time	11-06-2012 4:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S11977778
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge
Habitat	small, open field
Distance to bird	10 yards
Viewing conditions	great, sunny
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Binoculars
Description	Small, stocky, white egret; short, yellow bill; short, dark legs
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Egret was actively foraging in the short grasses of the field in front of the visitor's center at Heinz. It was feeding on insects, including grasshoppers.

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

Other white egrets/herons eliminated by size, structure, and habitat. Snowy Egret and Little Blue Heron (immature) also eliminated by leg and bill color.

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

Yes, no other egret/heron shows the characteristics of a cattle egret as described above.

During

None

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

Photograph

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