

PA Rare Bird Report

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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	Marty Dellwo, Patty Rehn, Frank Windfelder
Species (Common Name)	King Rail
Species (Scientific Name)	Rallus elegans
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult Male
Observation Date and Time	05-29-2013 6:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S14277564
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	John Heinz NWR
Habitat	Marshy area surrounding freshwater impoundment
Distance to bird	20 feet
Viewing conditions	good--hazy, morning light
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Binoculars
Description	Large rail; large slightly decurved bill; richly orange-colored, including on neck, breast, and underparts; upperparts finely marked with black-centered feathers; darker flanks barred with obvious white streaks; sides of neck and breast flecked with dark spots.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

King Rail was spotted foraging along mudflats that separate marshy area from impoundment. It would disappear at times into marsh (phragmites, cattails). Heard giving multiple calls, including kek-kek notes, grunts, and k-kerr call.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Separated from Virginia Rail by size and field marks (lack of gray on face, flecking on sides). From Clapper Rail by rich coloration and white and black streaks on flanks.

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

Yes. See above.

During

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After

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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