

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2015-08-01 21:49:49
Observer's Name	Paul Bernhardt
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1022 Thomas Road City: Plymouth Meeting State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19462 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Al Guarente, Deuane Hoffman, Todd Fellenbaum, George Armistead, Damon Orsetti, Brian Henderson, Frank Windfelder, Ann Reeves, etc. (over period of at least 7/30 to 8/1)
Species (Common Name)	Tricolored Heron
Species (Scientific Name)	Egretta Tricolor
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Immature
Observation Date and Time	07-30-2015 6:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S24430110
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Philadelphia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge, main impoundment
GPS coordinates of sighting	Several locations in impoundment around 39.887667, -75.262087
Habitat	impoundment; near spatterdocks and phragmites, mainly in semi-open water
Distance to bird	50 feet at closest
Viewing conditions	mostly clear day with occasional cloud cover; no rain until 8 hours after observation
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 10x42 conquest
Description	medium sized heron significantly smaller than nearby great egrets and great blue herons; long slender neck with white at base of back of neck; white on shoulders and entire front side of neck and body; very reddish on neck and part of wings (indicating juvenile) and a grayish-blue color on remainder of back and wings; long slender yellow bill; see picture for more details (additional pictures available if necessary)

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

Initially bird was being chased by little blue heron from near observation platform (flying around); subsequently was seen either standing in water among spatterdocks or actively feeding; flew to at least three locations (near island and near main boardwalk as well)

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

Yes (no other similar herons in size or coloration; seen and confirmed by many observers; all field marks match)

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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