

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	202 Stratford Court 19446 United States
Species (Common Name)	Cattle Egret
Species (Scientific Name)	Bubulcus Ibis
Subspecies (if known)	Family Ardeidae
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	10-28-2016 12:30 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bucks County
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Doylestown, PA
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Nature Center area on the island near the bridge
Habitat	Lake's edge
Distance to bird	At first it landed about fifteen feet from me and I missed the shot and it flew to the island which was about seventy feet away from me.
Viewing conditions	Partly sunny, chilly day
Optical equipment used	Canon 7D Mark ii, 100-400 ii lens with USM 1.4 iii extender
Description	There were many geese and I was hoping to get a closer photograph of the white-fronted goose when the cattle egret landed about fifteen feet to the right of me. I moved to get a clear view and it flew across the lake to the island's edge. I took some pictures which would have been clearer, if I didn't have the extender on since the sun went in.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	The bird was just standing at the waters edge.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	I noticed immediately that it was prettier and smaller than the great white egrets that had been at the lake but had not been seen in a few days. At first, I thought it was a snowy egret but noticed that the bill was yellow not black. I noticed that the bill was much shorter than the great white egrets. The neck was short and the legs were shorter than a great white egret. It had pretty rounded wings. It was in winter plumage so that is why I didn't recognize it at first as a cattle egret since there wasn't any brown on it.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

It didn't stay long.

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

I am positive and I enlarged the photos on my touch screen to view closer. It was confirmed by August Mirabella and two other reviewers he consulted with.

After

August Mirabella

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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or drawings



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