PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-01-30 15:29:06
Observer's Name	Greg Grove
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Observer's Address	9524 Stone Creek Ridge Road Huntingdon PA 16651 United States
Names of additional observers	Deb Grove, Dave & Trudy Kyler, Dave Kerr, Rob Dickerson, Carl Engstrom, Jon Kauffman, Steve Schmidt, Eric Hartshaw
Species (Common Name)	Ruff
Species (Scientific Name)	Calidris pugnax
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	female
Observation Date and Time	05-18-2017 11:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S36962678
County	Huntingdon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Smithfield Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Old Crow Wetalnd
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.488019, -78.036082
Habitat	marsh
Distance to bird	30 yards
Viewing conditions	excellent - clear, bright day. Watched for over an hour. Returned later in day for further extended viewing.
Optical equipment used	Swarovski binocs (EL) and Swarovski scope

Description	copied from eBird report: Bird larger and bulkier than Lesser Yellowlegs standing close to it. Scaly dark feathers on back. Dark streaking on chest, yellow-orange legs, bicolored bill, slight eye ring, white patch above bill. Heavier bill than yellowlegs. Viewed with Kylers. Pictures to follow.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	active foraging
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	My attention was first drawn to this bird by the way it's feathers were being blown by the breeze.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Photo by Dave Kerr published in Pennsylvania Birds Vol 31, No 2 page 91. At least 7 additional photos by 7 other birders are posted in eBird reports
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes
During	various field guides
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
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