

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	991 Camp Rd Telford PA 18969 United States
Names of additional observers	Paul Driver
Species (Common Name)	Red phalarope
Species (Scientific Name)	Phalaropus fulicarius
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	04-29-2017 7:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S36383064
County	Montgomery
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Green Lane
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Green Lane Park - Church Road Bird Sanctuary
Habitat	exposed mudflats
Distance to bird	75 yards
Description	<p>Copied from eBird:</p> <p>Red Phalarope Remove Species A disheveled looking bird, in molt from basic to alternate plumage. Blended in very well with the mud, too far for a picture. Mottled above, some hints of red coming through, on flanks and particularly under rump (Red-necked would show white under rump - good point by Paul Driver) Bill was what first clued me into ID - thicker/stouter than Red-necked. Structurally it reminded me strongly of the bird found last fall at Green Lane, which I spent a lot of time studying before IDing.</p>

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

Feeding on the mudflats.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Bill stouter/thicker than Red-necked phalarope. Red coming through under rump - Red-necked would show white under rump.

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

Yes. Bill structure and red under rump ruled out Red-necked.

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