

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	255 N 6th ST columbia Pennsylvania 17512 United States
Names of additional observers	meredith lombard
Species (Common Name)	roseate spoonbill
Species (Scientific Name)	Platalea ajaja
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	juvenile
Observation Date and Time	08-24-2018 6:20 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S48050619
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	near Washington Boro, Manor Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Conejohela Flats, off of Avocet Point, in the Susquehanna River
GPS coordinates of sighting	39°58'17.2"N 76°27'49.7"W
Habitat	At the time of the sighting, the Susquehanna River water level was about 225', which exposed lots of mud and shallow water streamlets in the area where the bird was seen foraging.
Distance to bird	Appx 1/2-3/4 mile
Viewing conditions	clear day, with heat shimmer
Optical equipment used	Swarovski HD80 spotting scope, with 20-60mm zoom eyepiece

Description	medium-large pink wader, foraging along a mudflat in low water, swinging head from side to side as it searched for prey. Long legs, pink body, long pale white neck, long spatulated bill.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Walked slowly, swinging head/neck from side to side, bill in shallow water, foraging. Occasionally it would lift its head and the spatulated bill could be seen. Snapped its bill at a Great Egret to chase the egret from its foraging area. Ring-billed gulls also gave way to the spoonbill as the bird made its way along the mudflat.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Separated from adult spoonbills by the lack of dark pink on the upper wing covert and lack of dark "headband." Had a fully feathered head.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	picture embedded in eBird checklist, also a short video of the bird at: https://flic.kr/p/29qvwBA
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	yes. am familiar with the species from multiple encounters in Florida and elsewhere
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph Video
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