

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-08-28 18:00:52
Observer's Name	Bii Libhart
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Observer's Address	114 W Hazel Ave Marietta Pa 17547 United States
Names of additional observers	Cindy Libhart (wife)
Species (Common Name)	Roseate spoonvill
Species (Scientific Name)	Ajaia ajaja
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	08-23-2018 8:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	East Donegal Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	RiverFront park.....flooded field west of "first pond" north of park parking lot
Habitat	Marsh / pond
Distance to bird	Within 40 yards
Viewing conditions	Early morning bright sunlight, clear
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 10x42 binoculars
Description	<p>First saw within 40 yds flying low (25 ft) above flooded field - assume we "jumped it while on ground. It was flying, seemingly along with, common egret. It showed very pink in bright, clear sunlight - my wife, who was not familiar with spoonbills, immediately exclaimed "he's pink !!".</p> <p>Both spoonbill and egret circled 2 or 3 times and then the spoonbill flew directly overhead at a height of ~ 40 feet, clearly showing the spoon-shaped bill. It then flew west towards the Susquehanna river (~200 yds away), and turned south (downriver).</p>

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

Flying

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Pink with large spoo-shaped bill....flew its neck extended

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

Bird found at Blue Rock Road (south of Washington Borough) and observed/photographed by many experienced birds over the next few days.

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

Absolutely 100%

During

Experience

After

Cornell ornithology lab website, Birds of North America (Golden Field Guide)

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