PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2019-04-03 15:28:53
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Observer's Address	81 Chambers Ave Greenville Pennsylvania 16125 United States
Names of additional observers	Steve Sanford
Species (Common Name)	King Rail
Species (Scientific Name)	Rallus
Subspecies (if known)	elegans
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Heard only
Observation Date and Time	05-06-2018 10:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	S 45385223
County	Mercer
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Springfield Twp
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Pennsy Swamp part of State Game Land 284
Habitat	marsh of cattails and shrubbery
Distance to bird	20-25 yards
Viewing conditions	clear
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Victory 10X42
Description	heard only

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Calling before we made any type of calls to entice birds to come out.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Did careful and repeated study of our recording against known calls to eliminate Virginia Rail
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	My background in marsh birds is fairly extensive as I monitored the Mentor Marsh in Mentor Ohio for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History for 3 years. I am very familiar with the more common birds of the marsh such as Virginia Rail, Sora, Marsh Wren, Pied-billed Grebe and American Coot. The audio file that I have included here which is not in the eBird sighting is pretty conclusive especially toward the begining as at the time I didn't exactly know how to download it to eBird so only put in one of the recordings that we had.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes After comparing our recording to the training CD that compares Virginia Rail to King Rail side by side am certain
During	Sibley's Guide phone app and iBirdPro app
After	Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program Training CD 2008
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Audio
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	VN810181.MP3
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