

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	101 New Meadow run Dr Farmington PA 15437 United States
Species (Common Name)	Yellow Rail
Species (Scientific Name)	Coturnicops noveboracensis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	UnKnown
Observation Date and Time	08-25-2019 3:10 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	CHECKLIST S59256902
County	Somerset
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Lake Somerset, Somerset Township, PA 15501
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Somerset (IBA)
GPS coordinates of sighting	40°01'41.7"N 79°03'43.5"W
Habitat	Mudflat edge of partially drained lake
Distance to bird	30' with Binoculars
Viewing conditions	sunny and clear
Description	I was walking along the edge of the sandbar directly across from the Parking area and watching the edge of the cattail bases looking at the Song sparrows and watching for swamp sparrows, and suddenly a small brown bird was hopping (both feet together) away from me. Then it passed a pair of cat tail stems and turned into the dense cattail bed. It did not fly, but I was able to see the short stubby tail, Yellowish legs and light brown un-streaked back. It was just a bit larger than a song sparrow but a good bit smaller than a Sora,

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

Hopping with both feet away from me, then turning into the cattail bed so that I could see it in profile

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Stubby tail. Yellowish green legs, yellowish beak, body size similar to song sparrow but longer legs and upturned shorter tail.

After

Peterson's field guide immediatly after the bird disappeared

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