

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	1509 Pittsburgh Rad Franklin pa 16323 United States
Names of additional observers	None; but Dan Brauning submitted this on behalf of the observer
Species (Common Name)	Black Rail
Species (Scientific Name)	Laterallus jamaicensis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	presumed adult
Observation Date and Time	06-05-2020 7:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Jefferson
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Winslow Twp
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Un-named marsh
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.1217636, -78.81058507
Habitat	Cattail marsh
Distance to bird	10 feet
Viewing conditions	Excellent
Optical equipment used	None
Description	Small dark (almost black) bodied bird with reddish/orange patch near neck. I would say that is was roughly robin size.

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

I was standing near a lone pine tree in the marsh surrounded by clumps of grass and cattails. It moved away from me toward a more shrubby area. I will be going back out to deploy the ARU and can get a better description if needed.) It was moving through the vegetation. around me making just a single whistle/peep noise then moved away. As it moved away, I heard the more characteristic "cuckoo bird" call once after it moved away from me. I first observed the bird toward the end of the playback then for a couple minutes after. Observed for approximately 3 minutes give or take.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

From the more characteristic "cuckoo-bird" sound and by what I saw small dark bird with reddish/orange near neck.

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

This was detected on the third visit of a marsh bird playback survey, so it was in response to a black rail playback.

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

To the best of my ability yes.

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