

## Roseate Spoonbill

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: Pale pink and distinctive bill. Agree with I.D.

CM2: Great sighting and documentation for a 1st state record! The photographs are sufficient to establish the identification. The report could have discussed potential confounding species and provenance, but really this is an unmistakable bird. The timing fits a known pattern of vagrancy. Moreover there was a minor influx of Spoonbills into the mid-Atlantic region during this time period which only adds credence to the sighting. A vote FOR this species is warranted in my opinion. Great job!

CM3: Unmistakable species, observed by many experienced observers and photographed excellently.

CM4: Multiple experienced observers. Photo documentation.

CM5: I vote to include the Preston County sighting of the Roseate Spoonbill record for official state list. The report, with supporting photographs, provides the evidence to conclusively include in the record. The photograph shows juvenile Roseate Spoonbills which are medium-sized waterbirds with a football-shaped body and long legs. The photo shows its long bill that is flattened into a spoon at the end protrudes from their small head.

CM6: I just wish they would have stayed around a bit longer.

CM7: Thankfully the reporter provided a photo of the birds in question. The photo clearly shows two birds that unmistakable. As the report says, "Nothing is quite like the species in question." The light pink color, the broad and flattened tip of the bill, and feeding in shallow water with a sweeping motion are all indicative of a Roseate Spoonbill. I was lucky enough to see one of these in Southern Indiana in 2009 and many more in Louisiana. The frequency of their visits to areas far north of their usual range seems to be increasing in recent years.