

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species:	Roseate Spoonbill (<i>Platalea ajaja</i>)	Number: (leave blank)			
Location:	South Mill Creek Lake	Date:	6/25/21	Time:	18:30
Bird Seen:	6/24/2021	To:	6/30/2021	Age/Sex:	immature/unk

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

This will be brief as the photos are unmistakable. Medium-sized wading bird. Long legs, and a distinctive long, spoon-shaped bill.

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

Largely off-white head/neck/chest typical of subadult birds. Subtle pink diffusion on the belly. Wings showing more obvious pink coloration befitting the name.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

None heard

Description of behavior:

Largely resting or feeding by slowly walking and using their spoon-shaped bill to sift for food.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

General - shallow marshy end of a shallow lake

Specific - South end of a man-made reservoir in Grant Co. WV with shallow submerged vegetation.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

Good light, unobstructed views, viewed through scope/bins/camera. Distance was probably 50 yards at the closest.

Previous experience with this species:

Seen many times in FL and elsewhere

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

No experience with old world spoonbills. But none have been recorded in the USA while the coloration should be enough to eliminate those confounders.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Multiple observers. First reported by Diane Holsinger whose name should be listed first.

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

None needed

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

3.5 years

Name:

Derek Courtney

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Date:

12/28/24

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