

VOTING SUMMARY

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2024-4

Species: Roseate Spoonbill – Grant Co.

Reasons voting FOR the record: (*attach more pages if necessary*)

CM1 - Excellent photos of this distinctive species

CM2 - Fairly unique species based on a morphology and plumage. Timing fits an expected pattern of subadult wandering birds from further south. Seen by many including those on the Committee.

CM3 - Based on the photographic evidence provided, these birds are clearly Roseate Spoonbills. The birds have a soft pink coloration to the body and neck and the bills are spoon shaped. There are no other potential birds to match this description. I also saw these birds on the same day and same location as the reporter and can confirm that they are Roseate Spoonbills from my observations.

CM4 - Images and description are diagnostic.

CM5 - Clear report, unmistakable photographic documentation.

CM6 - Thanks to Derek for getting this input to the WV ornithological record. I saw these birds at South Mill Creek Lake back in 2021.

CM7 - Attached photos confirm the species

- Report and photos submitted from a reputable birder
- Written descriptions in report were thorough and supportive