

Barb + Frank,

JAY sent me this And I thought you might want it for PA Birds, + state records committee, Jay has always been a consistently good birder, and I don't have any reason to doubt the sighting. I talked to Linda Cristensen and she could be interested in assuming the region for PA birds you might want to call her 8/4-78/ - 3156 later July

VERIFICATION FORM

Details must be submitted for all species of uncertain breeding status. They are noted on the field cards, "Safe Date" list and Summary Data sheet with an asterisk (*). In addition, many locally rare species will require verification at the discretion of your Regional Coordinator. If you discover one of these birds, notify your Regional Coordinator immediately!

Then, fill out and send this form to your Regional Coordinator. Asterisked birds will not be accepted without a "Verification Report Form." Include sketches and/or photos if possible. Your cooperation is essential to the integrity of the Atlas Project.

SPECIES: Am. White Pelican DATE: 5-14-89 TIME: 8:15 PM

OBSERVER: Jay E Sager ADDRESS: P.O. Box 32

PHONE #: (814) - 776-6311 Brandy Camp Pa 15822

QUAD NAME: Brandy Camp QUAD #: 4 1 0 7 8 2 5 BLOCK #: 1

EXACT LOCATION: The Pelican was flying from east to west across Rt. 219 one mile north of Brandy Camp about 100 yds (back #1)

HABITAT - Describe fully for the general area and specific location.

BREEDING BEHAVIOR - Give all details of behavior that indicates this species is actually breeding.

SIGHTING CONDITIONS - Distance, length of time, light, weather, optical aids, etc.

It was a drizzly day but had stopped during the time of the sighting. We (back #2)

IDENTIFICATION - Describe plumage, song, call notes, size comparison, physical features, differences from similar species, previous experience with it.

Our first thought was Great Blue Heron, they are fairly common around here. (Back #3)

SIGNATURE: Jay E Sager (observer) DATE OF REPORT: May 26-1989

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(Regional Coordinator)

Use other side for further details and list of other observers with addresses and phone numbers. Regional Coordinator - forward this report to: Daniel Brauning, Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas Project, c/o Academy of Natural Science, 19th and Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

(#1) north of the junction of the Shawmut Rd and Rt. 219, it crossed 219 flying about 150 ft high toward the pond behind the farm house and barn on the north corner of the junction. I live on the south corner of 219 and the Shawmut Rd. The Pelican did not land on the pond but circled it and flew off in a southerly direction.

(#2) watched it for about 2 minutes. I was using 8x40 binoculars and my nephew was using 7x35 binoculars. It was an overcast day but visibility was good.

(#3) This bird was stocky and its legs did not extend past its tail. It held its neck in and the large orange bill was visible. The Pelican was white with black primary and secondary wing feathers. I have seen Brown Pelicans in Florida and my nephew has ~~seen~~ seen both Brown and White Pelicans while in Florida. We searched ponds in the area for about 5 hr. the next morning but did not ~~not~~ see it again.

The other observer, also a birder, who saw the Pelican was: GEORGE H. SAGER
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Record No.: 066-01-1989

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: American White Pelican

Date of Sighting: May 14, 1989

Observer(s): Jay E. Sager

Date of Submission: 1989 ELK

Submitted by: Jay E. Sager

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas				X			
F. Haas			X				
R. Leberman			X				
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe			X				
TOTALS			6	1			
DECISION			X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

B. Haas

Date:

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