

RARE SPECIES REPORT

SPECIES: Am. White Pelican <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>		NUMBER SEEN: 1
SIGHTING DATE: 17 May 1997		SIGHTING TIME: 7:45-8:15 pm
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: Lancaster Co. DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: Conejohela Flats, Susquehanna River Washington Boro DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: Small islands on the Susquehanna River		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: Partly Sunny, Evening Sun DISTANCE: 100 yards EQUIP. USED: 10x50 Swift and 15x45 Bushnell Spacemaster LENGTH OF SIGHTING: 1/2 hour	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: not heard SIZE: Large - Larger than a Great Blue Heron feeding nearby. PLUMAGE: White with some black primaries showing. Crest was apx 3" on back of head appeared white. Long neck, large body, large bill ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): Bright orange bill w/ pouch on lower mandible. Bill length apx 12"-14" Short legs were bright orange. Plate on upper mandible was apx 2" x 2". The skin around the eye BEHAVIOR to the upper mandible was orange. Eye color not noted. Standing on a mud bar the entire time. Before I arrived it had feed on a large fish. Carp? 12"-14"	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: I have seen many Am. White Pelicans in Florida.		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: Apx. 2 years ago there was a Pink-backed Pelican in the area. There was no pink on this bird.		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? ? IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): I observed this pelican in the evening sun. It appeared yellowish. I could not see the yellow on the breast. People who observed the bird earlier said it was there. This appeared to be a Am. White Pelican in full Breeding Plumage.		
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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)

Date of Sighting: 17 May 1997 to 17 May 1997
 Location: WASHINGTON BORO - CONEJOHELA FLATS
 County: LANCASTER
 Observer(s): Randy Miller
 Date of Submission: 1997
 Submitted by: Randy Miller
 Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

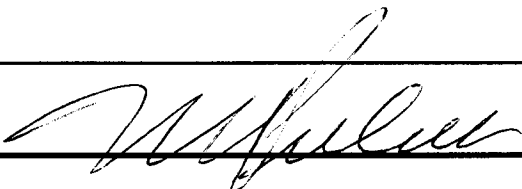
Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
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F. Haas			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
K. Parkes								X
R. Ickes			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
T. Floyd			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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