

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-05-24 21:47:55
Observer's Name	Kathye Shue
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Observer's Address	923 Oakwood Ave. Spring Grove PA 17362 United States
Names of additional observers	Karen Lippy, Robin Smith, Deb Kline
Species (Common Name)	Brown Pelican
Species (Scientific Name)	Pelecanus Occidentalis
Subspecies (if known)	Species
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Unknown sex
Observation Date and Time	05-22-2018 2:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	York
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Hanover, Manheim Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Sheppard-Meyers Reservoir
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.734092-76.956117
Habitat	Water reservoir habitat, deciduous and coniferous trees surrounding, aquatic life
Distance to bird	50-200ft
Viewing conditions	cloudy, overcast
Optical equipment used	Canon EOS 60D Canon 70-300lens, Panasonic HC V180 Full HD videocam 90xzoom lens

Description	Brown/gray body feathers, long neck and bill, brown skin on throat pouch, reddish feathers on back of neck, large stocky bird
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Resting, sleeping on concrete structure. Flying, Swimming, Fishing (plunged head first into water after fish), no vocals
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Color of plumage
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Several other people have photos. The bird that visited the Sheppard Myers Dam only stuck around for a day.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, researching the species and knowledge of others especially Karen Lippy.
During	Karen Lippy
After	Audubon Field Guide, Cornell Lab of Ornithology -All About Birds on line web site
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph Video
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	BrownPelicanSheppardMyersReservoir.mp4
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Submission Date	2018-05-23 20:35:55
Observer's Name	chuck berthoud
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Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	Robin Smith, Dick Cleary, Karen Lippy, Mike Epler, Ken Lebo, Michael David
Species (Common Name)	brown pelican
Species (Scientific Name)	pelecanus occidentalis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	1, adult, unknown sex
Observation Date and Time	05-22-2018 3:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S45940309
County	York
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Hanover
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Sheppard-Meyers Reservoir
Habitat	deep end of the reservoir where the dam is
Distance to bird	200 meters
Viewing conditions	mostly cloudy
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 10x42 binoculars
Description	Large brown water bird with dark brow on the rear of the neck and white on the crown and front of neck.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Found by Robin Smith in the morning. I arrived on site at 3:15 pm. The pelican hung out on the rocky slope of the dam and on the railing of the spillway. Once it flew 300+ meters up the reservoir for less than 10 minutes. It swam and fished briefly before returning to the dam. I stayed in the area until 6 pm. Michael David was the last person to see it.

On May 23 at 5:30 am (15 minutes before sunrise) I attempted to relocate the bird without success. Zack Millen Joined me by 6 am. He checked the other end of the reservoir without success. Soon after 6 am a heavy fog came upon the lake. About 6:15 am we went to Long Arm Reservoir to look for the pelican. The fog was too heavy so we ended the search after 6:30 am.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

only other pelican is all white

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Checked Sibley North America to check bill color. Had there been extensive amount of red it would have been a Pacific Ocean origin.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, unmistakable bird

During

Sibley App

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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