

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) GREAT CORMORANT PHALACROCORAX CARBO
Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) UNKNOWN

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): 1ST YEAR IMMATURE

DATE OF OBSERVATION 11/25/01 TIME 1 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) EAGLE, CHESTER CO., PA

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) MARSH CREEK ST PARK

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):
HOLLY MERCCKER

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) LAKE

DISTANCE TO BIRD 100 YDS

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) SKY WAS CLOUDY BUT VIEWING CONDITIONS WERE GOOD.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED LEICA TELEVID TELESCOPE ZEISS 10X42 BINOS

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

THE CORMORANT WAS RESTING ON A STUMP ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE LAKE AND WAS ALONG. NO SIZE COMPARISON COULD BE MADE. THE BIRD HAD A GRAYISH BILL WITH A YELLOW AREA JUST BEHIND THE BILL AND BELOW THE EYE. THERE WAS THE START OF A SMALL WHITE PATCH ON THE THROAT. EYE COLOR WAS NOT SEEN. THE UNDER PARTS OF THE NECK AND UPPER BREAST WERE DIRTY GRAY WHILE THE LOWER BREAST AND BELLY WERE WHITE

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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

NO USEFUL BEHAVIOR PATTERNS NOTED - BIRD JUST RESTING ON STUMP

VOCALIZATIONS

NONE

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY: N/A

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition N/A

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) _____

THE GREAT CORMORANT WAS NOTED AS HAVING THE WHITE BELLY AREA VS. THE WHITE UPPER CHEST OF IMMATURE D.C. CORMORANT. ALSO THE COMBINATION OF THE GRAY BILL, YELLOW CHIN PATCH AND WHITISH THROAT AREA ELIMINATES D.C. CORMORANT.

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

I'VE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH GREAT CORMORANTS ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH OBSERVATIONS ALONG THE DELAWARE R, INDIAN R INLET, BARNEGAT LIGHT AND IN MAINE

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ? (why or why not) YES, BECAUSE OF THE FIELD MARKS NOTED AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE

After observation NAT'L GEO

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 3/7/02

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Al Guarente

068-01-2001

10/5/01

Great Cormorant

Marsh Creek SP, Chester Co. PA

2 individuals observed perched on dead snags just above the waterline. They were seen from near the Park HQ area, but the birds were perched on the far side of the lake (approx 200 yds)

Even at this distance, the large size of the birds could be seen. The heavy bill was evident through 30x scope. Overall the birds were cormorant-like and dark. One bird had a very characteristic white belly and dark upper breast and throat. The throat patch appeared dull yellow to white. The second bird also had a white lower breast + belly but not nearly as bright as the first bird. The birds were seen only perched, not in flight.

these birds have been present for about 3 days and apparently are a first Chester Co. record

Nick Pulcinella

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Date of Sighting: 3 October 2001 to 25 November 2001

Location: MARSH CREEK STATE PARK

County: CHESTER

Observer(s): John MacNamara and multiple observers

Date of Submission: 2002

Submitted by: Al Guarente, Nick Pulcinella

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead		X						
D. Heathcote		X						
P. Hess		X						
J. Stanley		X						
E. Witmer		X						
R. Leberman		X						
M. Sharp		X						
TOTALS		7						
DECISION		X						

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

8/25/03