

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
2469 Hammertown Road  
Narvon, PA 17555

September 23, 1997

Joan Silagy  
795 White Oak Lane  
Leesport, PA 19533

Dear Joan,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Anhinga you saw at Leesport on 1 June 1996 to P.O.R.C. The record circulated the committee for two rounds. After careful review and much discussion, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. There was concern among the committee that the description provided did not completely rule out the possibility of Double-crested Cormorant.

This of course, does not mean the bird was not an Anhinga , merely, that the record is not beyond reasonable doubt for acceptance.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella  
Chairman

Record # 074-02-1996

074-02-1996

~~5/16/96 Olive Grassbeak~~

~~6/1/96 - Black Poll Warbler - Ben's Trip~~

Anhinga flew over our house <sup>in Leesport</sup> - flying in a S.W. - to N.E. direction. Observed for about 5 minutes - long, pointed bill, long, snakey neck, long tail, buffy neck and breast, flapped, glided and took long, lazy circles with tail spread and neck extended

6/11/96 - yellow Breasted Chat in field - Ben's Trip

Joan Sila 59

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: Anhinga ( )

Date of Sighting: 1 June 1996 to 1 June 1996

Location: LEESPORT

County: BERKS

Observer(s): Joan Silagy

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Joan Silagy

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella				X				
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes						X		
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein				X				
TOTALS			4	2		1		
DECISION			<del>4</del>	<del>2</del>				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. Haas*

Date:

8-16-97

## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Anhinga ()**Date of Sighting: **1 June 1996 to 1 June 1996**Location: **LEESPORT**County: **BERKS**Observer(s): **Joan Silagy**Date of Submission: **1996**Submitted by: **Joan Silagy**Written Description: **YES**      Photo: **NO**      Specimen: **NO**Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella				X				
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G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein				X				
<b>TOTALS</b>			4	2		1		
<b>DECISION</b>								

Comments:

*Send for Second Round*

Signature (Secretary):

*J. C. Haas*

Date:

*2-22-97*