

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
210 Welcome Ave. Norwood, PA 19074

28 January 2002

Roger Conant  
126 Ashwood Road  
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Dear Skip,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the two Anhingas at Rose Tree Park on 30 September 1999. After careful review, the Committee regrets that it could not accept the record.

The vote was two in favor and five not in favor of acceptance. Those who voted against acceptance all felt that a more complete description of the birds would have been necessary to evaluate the record properly.

As a general matter your experience with this species adds credibility, and of course non-acceptance does not imply that the birds were not Anhingas. Without further descriptive details, the Committee believed that it should take a conservative position on the record.

We trust that this will not discourage you from submitting reports on any future rarities you find.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

For the Committee:  
Paul Hess, Chairman

Record No. 074-02-1999

074-02-1999

RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: ANHINGA Date of this Observation: 9/30/99

Date Found: 9/30/99 Last Date Seen: 9/30/99

Location: ROSE TREE PARK

Township/City: MEDIA County: DELAWARE

Person Writing this report: ROGER CONANT

Address: 126 ASHWOOD RD

SPRINGFIELD PA 19064 Phone: 610-544-0871

Other Observers: NONE

Who found the bird first: ROGER CONANT

Other documentation included: *(Circle all appropriate items)(Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)*

Photograph

Audio Recording

Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? \_\_\_\_\_

Description: *(Attach additional pages as needed—Please do not write on back of this form)*

074-02-1999

On Thursday, September 30th, I arrived at the Rose Tree Park Hawk Watch (Delaware County) at 9:00 a.m.

The temperature was in the low sixties with strong winds out of the Northwest. About 9:20 a.m., I observed two birds over what we refer to as the "Texas Gap". They were well within the range of my 7 x 42 Swarovski Binoculars.

It was obvious almost immediately I was looking at two Anhingas (Anhinga anhinga). Their necks and heads were long and slim as well as the tails.

The two birds soared over the main fairway with only one or two flaps each before they finally disappeared.

On my many visits to Florida over the years, I have seen hundreds of Anhingas, many of which were soaring in the same manner as the two birds observed.

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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Ballot - Round One**

Species: Anhinga (Anhinga anhinga)

Date of Sighting: 30 September 1999 to 30 September 1999

Location: ROSE TREE PARK

County: DELAWARE

Observer(s): Roger Conant

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Roger Conant

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. Couchman			X					
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes					X			
B. Reid					X			
P. Rodewald					X			
M. Sharp					X			
TOTALS			2		5			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 2/5/0

Signature (Secretary)

Date: 12/2/00