

Susan Schmoyer
204 Pennsylvania Ave
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November 14, 2008

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Thanks again for your report and please don't let this discourage you from future submissions. The committee depends on reports like yours to further the knowledge of Pennsylvania ornithological studies.

Sincerely,

Al Guarente
Chairman

Record # 074-02-2007

Arlene Koch
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Easton, Pa 18042

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PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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Nick Pulcinella, Secretary
 Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
 613 Howard Ave.
 West Chester, PA 19380
 nickpulcinella@comcast.net

074-02-2007

SPECIES (common and scientific name) ANHINGA
 Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 3 SEX(ES) FEMALES OR IMMATURES

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): ALL 3 BIRDS EXHIBITED THE LIGHT HEAD AND NECK CHARACTERISTIC OF EITHER FEMALES OR IMMATURES.

DATE OF OBSERVATION AUG. 28, 2007 TIME 1:30 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) ALBANY TWP. BERKS COUNTY

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) HAWK MT. SANCTUARY - NORTH LOOKOUT

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name SUSAN SCHMUYER
 Address 204 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
 City KURTZTOWN State PA ZIP 19530
 e-mail (optional) sdschmuyera@aol.com phone (optional) 610-683-5713

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): ARLENE KOCH
ERIC HOUSER

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) SCARING OVERHEAD ALONG
KITTATING RIDGE

DISTANCE TO BIRD VISIBLE OVERHEAD WITH NAKED EYE, HIGH ENOUGH TO NEED
BINOCULARS FOR DETAILS

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) BLUE SKY w/ PUFFY CLOUDS.
EXCELLENT VIEWING CONDITIONS

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED ZEISS 10x32

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): THREE BIRDS FLYING TOGETHER ALL EXHIBITED A
LONG, POINTY HEAD + NECK, WHICH APPEARED LIGHT-COLORED FROM
BELOW. THE TAILS WERE VERY LONG + SLIGHTLY FANNED. THEY
FLEW IN A NEAT FORMATION, CIRCLING ABOVE THE LOOKOUT,
WITH PRECISION. I WAS ALSO ABLE TO OBSERVE A LIGHT TAIL BAND
ON AT LEAST ONE OF THEM

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) ALL THREE BIRDS WERE SOARING IN FORMATION WITH A LITTLE FLAPPING

VOCALIZATIONS NONE

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY: NONE
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 _____
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) HEAD LONGER-LOOKING AND MORE POINTED THAN CORMORANTS. ALSO TAIL WAS MUCH LONGER. WINGS APPEARED LONGER & MORE POINTED.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: WE WERE ABLE TO WATCH THESE BIRDS FOR A FAIRLY LONG PERIOD OF TIME WHILE THEY CIRCLED OVER THE LOOKOUT. THE LIGHTING WAS EXCELLENT.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I HAVE SEEN THESE BIRDS MANY TIMES IN FLORIDA.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) ABSOLUTELY - COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ANYTHING ELSE

REFERENCES CONSULTED:
During observation SIBLEY
After observation SIBLEY

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 8/30/07

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Susan D. Schroyer

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JUV (?) AD FEMALES? PROBABLY JUVENILES

DATE OF OBSERVATION 8/28/07 TIME 1:30 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) NORTH LOOKOUT, HAWK MTN

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) _____ " " BERK'S CITY

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name ARLENE KOCH
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City EASTON State PA ZIP 18042
e-mail (optional) DAVILENE@ phone (optional) 610-2536377

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): ERIC HOUSER

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) BINOCULAR VIEW BUT
EASILY SEEN NAKED EYE

DISTANCE TO BIRD OVERHEAD, VISIBLE WITH NAKED EYE

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you)
SUN OUT, BLUE SKY, WHITE PUFFY CLOUD
BACKGROUND

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED SWAROWSKI 10x42, ZEISS 10x32

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):

DARK BODIES LONG NECKS POINTED BILLS
LONG, ALMOST STRAIGHT ACROSS TAILS; LONG BUT POINTED
WINGS (ALL DARK).
THE THREE BIRDS WERE EQUIDISTANT FROM EACH OTHER,
AND CONSTANTLY FLEW AROUND IN CIRCLES FOR
MORE THAN 5 MINUTES, STRAIGHT OVERHEAD. THEY
NEVER BROKE FORMATION. WENT SW,
MORE CONTROLLED, NEAT, THAN CORMORANTS
FLIGHT CONTROLLED, NOT LOOSE

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)



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Voting Tabulation – Round Two

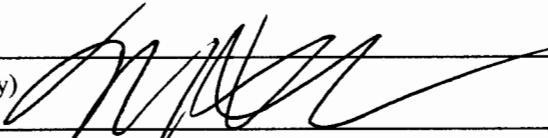
Species: Anhinga Anhinga anhinga
 Date of Sighting: 28 August 2007 to 28 August 2007
 County : BERKS
 Location : HAWK MOUNTAIN SACTUARY
 Observer(s): Susan Schmoyer, Arlene Koch, Eric Houser

Date of Submission: 2007
 Submitted by: Susan Schmoyer, Arlene Koch

Written Description: Yes Photo: No Specimen: No Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut		X						
A. Guarente			X					
T. Johnson				X				
B. Coulter		X						
C. Rutt				X				
J. Heller				X				
G. Malosh		X	X					
TOTALS		3	1	3				
DECISION				X				

Comments: 4/3 on 2nd round

Signature (Secretary) 

Date:

10/30/08

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

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County : BERKS

Location : HAWK MOUNTAIN SACTUARY

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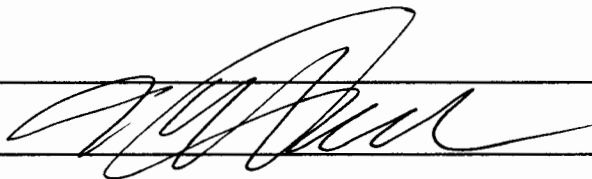
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J. Heller					X			
G. Malosh		X						
TOTALS		3	2	1	1			
DECISION								

Comments: 5/2 - GO TO 2ND ROUND

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

6/21/07