

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) ADULT FEMALE OR JUVENILE

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): _____

DATE OF OBSERVATION 9-22-17 TIME 2:40 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) SPRINGGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP IN YORK CO, PA

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) ROCKY RIDGE HAWK WATCH LOCATED IN ROCKY RIDGE COUNTY PARK

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name RANDY PHILLIPS
Address 4146 SHAFFERS CHURCH RD
City GLEN ROCK State PA ZIP 17327
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) 717-679-4022

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): FRED PALEY

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) HAWK WATCH LOCATED ON NORTH RIDGE OF ROCKY RIDGE PARK IN POWER LINE CUT.

DISTANCE TO BIRD LESS THAN 1000 FEET, DIRECTLY OVER HEAD

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) CLEAR SKY WITH 50% HIGH CLOUDS, 80° F. WITH LIGHT NORTH WINDS. SUN WAS BEHIND US.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED SWAROVSKI EL 10X42

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 FOLLOWING IS THE ENTRY I MADE IN MY NOTES SOON AFTER THE BIRD WAS OBSERVED - "9-22-17, AT APPROX. 2:40 PM, FRED PALEY AND MYSELF HAD A FEMALE / JUV ANHINGA FLY DIRECTLY OVER THE HAWK WATCH. WE HAD THE BIRD IN VIEW FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS. SOARING FLIGHT, DARK BODY WITH DARK, WEDGE SHAPED TAIL AND LONG, POINTED LIGHT COLORED NECK AND HEAD WERE VERY VISIBLE.

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) EXTENDED SOARING
FLIGHT WITH SOME FLAPPING.

VOCALIZATIONS NONE

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:
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) SHOWN JUVENILE DOUBLE-CRESTED
CORMORANT WOULD NOT HAVE THE DISTINCT CONTRAST BETWEEN LIGHT NECK
WITH DARK BODY THAT WE OBSERVED. WEDGE SHAPED TAIL AND EXTENDED
SOARING FLIGHT HELPED MAKE OUR IDENTIFICATION.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:
BECAUSE OF THE WHITE-WINGED TERN THE DAY BEFORE, I ALMOST
LAUGHED WHEN I LOOKED UP AND SAID TO FRED WITHOUT HESITATION
"THERE'S AN ANHINGA STRAIGHT UP." WE BOTH HAD EXCELLENT
VIEWS OF THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE HEAD AND NECK TO THE BODY,
DISTINCT WEDGE SHAPED TAIL AND EXTENDED SOARING FLIGHT
CUNCHED THE IDENTIFICATION.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES HAVE SEEN ANHINGA MANY TIMES
OVER THE YEARS IN FLORIDA, AND MORE RECENTLY, PHIL KEENER AND I
HAD AN ANHINGA IN YORK CO (MAY, 2016) SOARING DIRECTLY OVERHEAD ABOUT
5 MILES FROM ROCKY RIDGE

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES. IDENTIFIED THIS
BIRD WITHOUT HESITATION AND FRED PALEY CONFIRMED.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:
During observation GOLDEN GUIDE - BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA
After observation SIBLEY GUIDE TO BIRDS

DATE OF THIS REPORT: JUNE 10, 2018
SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Ray Allen