

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Observer's Address</b>	200 South Flint Court Yardley Pennsylvania 19067 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Anhinga
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Anhinga anhinga
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	?
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-22-2018 4:10 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>County</b>	Dauphin
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Middletown
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	On Swatara Creek where it crosses the Pa. turnpike (~ MP 250)
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N40° 12'30" W72° 42'59'
<b>Habitat</b>	broad open creek
<b>Distance to bird</b>	100 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	excellent viewing, although back lit
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	None
<b>Description</b>	I was driving east bound on the Pa. Turnpike at about 70 miles/hour. The bird was soaring over the creek and was banking, giving an excellent silhouette of the bird with its tail spread.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Soaring

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

This bird had an extremely long fanned tail; a very long neck, head and pointed bill and long pointed wings.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

No other species has the silhouette of an Anhinga.

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)**

Absolutely. I've seen hundreds, if not thousands in Florida.

**After**

Not needed, but I checked Sibley

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