

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2019-08-31 07:01:53
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Observer's Address	1033 Ingram Court Ambler PA 19002 United States
Names of additional observers	None
Species (Common Name)	Anhinga
Species (Scientific Name)	Anhinga anhinga
Number of individuals	2
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Unknown
Observation Date and Time	08-29-2019 7:40 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Montgomery
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Intersection of Route 202 and Morris road
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Flying overhead of Normandy Farms
Habitat	Flying overhead; parkland/greenspace/ponds/lakes nearby
Distance to bird	75 meters
Viewing conditions	Clear day (2:30 PM)
Optical equipment used	Naked eye
Description	Saw pair of birds flying overhead in a circling pattern
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	See above

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Silhouette is distinctive and unmistakable. Neck long, narrow and completely straight. Bill long, narrow and sharply pointed. Tail also very long and narrow, slightly broader at tip than base of tail.

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

I am a retired professional ornithologist with more than 40 years experience including ten years exclusively as a seabird biologist who studied Double-crested and Pelagic cormorants. I have also lived in Florida and elsewhere and observed anhingas extensively. So, I know these species extremely well.

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

Yes

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