

Pennsylvania Rare Bird Report Form

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Fill in all relevant fields and then click on the "Submit by Email" button at the end of the form to send it to the PORC Secretary.

NOTE: The fields scroll down as you type to permit as much text as needed.
The **RESET** button clears all of the fields if you wish to start over with a blank form.

Species (Common and Scientific Name): Swallow-tailed Kite Elanoides forficatus

Subspecies, if known

Number of individuals Sex(es) 1

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): Adult

Date and Time of Observation 5/28/2011 4:00 PM

Location (City, Borough, Township) Lancaster, Pa Lancaster County

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) Intersection of 340 and route 30, just east of Lancaster

Observer Reporting:

Name Tom Garner

Address State Zip 509 Amesbury Road

E-mail (Optional) tkgarner@comcast.net

Phone (Optional) 717-569-3703

Other Observers (Only Those Who Saw and Identified the Bird with You):

Habitat (E.g. Mowed Field, Woodland Edge, Any other details) commercial/residential area

Distance to Bird (Specify feet, yards, etc.) 50 yards

Viewing Conditions (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) clear skies, viewed initially through vehicle window

Optical Equipment Used Swarovski 8.5 EL binoculars

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):

Slightly larger than a Ring-billed Gull. When first viewed through vehicle window with binoculars immediately saw the white underparts and wing linings, all flight feathers were black, black long forked tail very noticeable as it drifted by. Pulled off the highway better to get out of vehicle. By now the Kite was heading away but at a lower height. Saw the dark blackish upperparts which were blackest at the forewing/shoulder area.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

When first seen Kite was drifting slowly across the highway about 30 feet above treeline. It turned and drifted straight south and out of site behind some trees.

Vocalizations

Supporting evidence if any: (Check all that apply)

Photograph

Video Recording

Audio Recording

Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name

Address

City State Zip

E-mail (Optional)

Phone (Optional)

Please send a copy of the photograph, drawing, or recording to:

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

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)

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

Previous experience with this
and/or similar species

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

References Consulted:

During Observation

After Observation

Date of this Report: (Click on the box and select date from calendar)

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*

Date of Sighting: 28 May 2011 to 28 May 2011

County : LANCASTER

Location : LANCASTER

Observer(s): Tom Garner

Date of Submission: 2011

Submitted by: Tom Garner

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	
D. DeReamus			X					
A. Guarente			X					
T. Johnson			X					
B. Coulter			X					
R. Koury			X					
D. Weber			X					
G. Malosh			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) Nick Pulcinella

Date: 11/17/11