

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2017-06-08 17:49:00
Observer's Name	John Good
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Observer's Address	4741 Best Station Road Slatington PA 18080 United States
Species (Common Name)	Swallow-tailed Kite
Species (Scientific Name)	Elanoides forficatus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	06-08-2017 10:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/pa/view/checklist/S37470977
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Lake Nockamixon
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Cove South-west of Fishing Pier
Habitat	Lake shore
Distance to bird	150 yards
Viewing conditions	overcast
Optical equipment used	Zeiss conquest 8x42, Canon SX50HS
Description	Unique, unmistakable, exotic. V-shaped tail. Black above, dark and light below, larger than crow.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	soaring/huntring just above trees
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Unique, unmistakable, exotic. V-shaped tail. Black above, dark and light below, larger than crow. Photos.

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

Yes - photo

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph



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[IMG_4676 crop.jpg](#)



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Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Was flying solo. Occasionally harassed by crows.

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

Was seen by a number of good birders, who filed eBird reports, by end of day June 5, 2017. Bird may stay in the area longer.

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

Yes.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



[Swallow Tailed Kite 1.jpg](#)

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Submission Date	2017-06-05 15:20:58
Observer's Name	Fred Zahradnik
E-mail	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
Observer's Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Names of additional observers	See eBird for Nockamixon SP for June 4, 5, 2017
Species (Common Name)	Swallow-Tailed Kite
Species (Scientific Name)	Elanoides forficatus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	06-05-2017 7:40 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Lake Nockamixon State Park
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Fishing Pier
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.456388, -75.235582
Habitat	Soaring and hunting above trees to west of lake.
Distance to bird	200 yards
Viewing conditions	Light fog and mist
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch binocular, Nikon D7200 w 600mm lens
Description	I am not the first person to note the presence of the bird in the area. Not sure who gets the credit for that. Was fortunate to see the bird shortly after arriving. Appeared on the shore side to the west of the fishing pier, then moved south and was observed periodically in the southern part of the lake. I won't provide description detail here, since I am attaching a very good photo.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Soaring and hunting above trees to west of lake. Was at one point observed perched with a prey item - seen via spotting scope.