

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2019-08-30 17:02:00
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Pamela Fisher
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	761 Gap PA 17527 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Pamela Fisher
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Swallow-tailed Kite
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Elanoides forficatus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult.
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	08-28-2019 12:00 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59334178">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59334178</a>
<b>County</b>	Lehigh
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Schnecksville
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Trexler Nature Preserve
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.668929, -75.636536
<b>Habitat</b>	Meadow with scattered trees. There is a housing development nearby.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	Variable. At times it was over the valley below us, at times it was right over our heads. At one point, it rested and preened in a tree just not far from us.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Mostly cloudy to overcast.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Bushnell 10x42 binoculars

<b>Description</b>	White from the head to the undertail coverts. Dark back, wings, and tail. Long pointed wings and a long forked tail.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	It was actively hunting and eating insects on the wing. It did eventually land on a dead snag and preened for quite awhile.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	No black around the eyes like an Osprey. I'm not sure what other birds it might be confused with.
<b>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</b>	This bird has been observed, photographed, and filmed by numerous people. The first report I saw was on August 21st.
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	Yes. We had extremely good looks, plus it looked just like the bird in the field guide.
<b>During</b>	Sibley's Guide to Birds of Eastern North America, iBird Pro.
<b>After</b>	Stokes Birds of North America, Peterson's Birds of North America.
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Photograph <input type="checkbox"/> Video

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