

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-01-11 17:13:32
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Andy Fayer
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: Po Box 10 City: Fort Washington State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19034 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Peter Burns
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Swainson's Hawk
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Buteo swainsoni
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-23-2015 3:40 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>County</b>	Montgomery
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Fort Washington
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Millitia Hill Hawk Watch - Fort Washington State Park
<b>Distance to bird</b>	400 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	sunny, no cloud cover, clear
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica 12x50 and Swarovski 65mm scope up to 32x mag
<b>Description</b>	see attached report
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	see attached report
<b>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</b>	submitted by Rich Conroy - official counter for Militia Hill Hawk Watch  Andy has a lot of experience out West (and I have been with him on numerous trips where we have seen many Swainson's)

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

Observers are confident of ID.

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**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

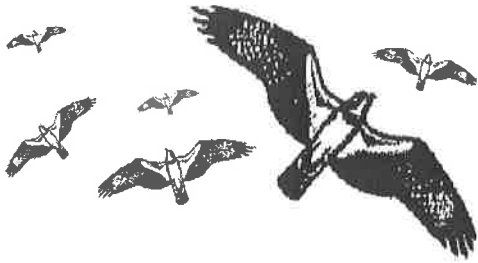
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## MILITIA HILL HAWK WATCH

# RARE RAPTOR REPORT

This report is used to document special migrants or migrants out of their recognized "normal" migration period. Please fill out this form (as completely as possible) if you have observed any of the following migrants during the indicated time periods.

- All Kites
- All Gyrfalcons
- All Swainson's Hawks
- Broad-winged Hawks - AFTER October 22
- Peregrine Falcons - AFTER November 15
- Northern Goshawks - BEFORE October 1
- Rough-legged Hawks - BEFORE October 15
- Golden Eagles - BEFORE October 1
- Any other unlisted, aberrant or peculiarly plumaged raptor observed at anytime.

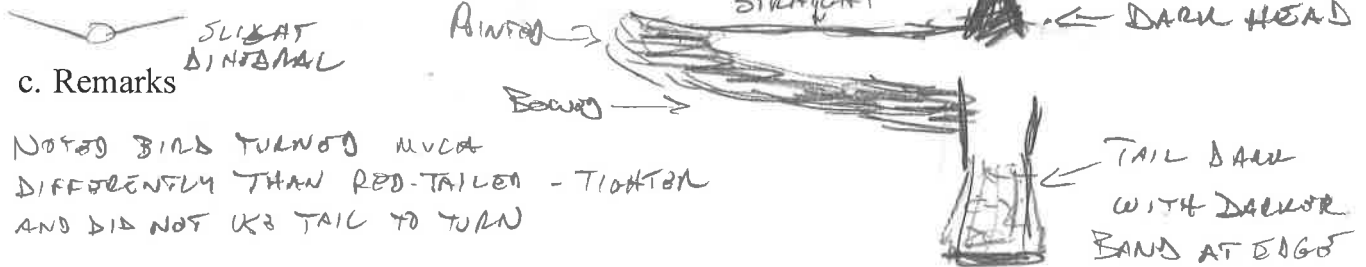
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- ◆ Species: SWAINSON'S HAWK  Adult  Immature
- Date Observed: 10 / 23 / 15
- Time of Day: 03:46  am  pm
- Weather Conditions (sky, sun, wind, etc): SUNNY, NO CLOUD COVER, CLEAR (VISIBILITY UNLIMITED), LIGHT WIND FROM THE NORTH
- Duration of Observation:
- Flight Direction: From the WEST to the EAST.
- Estimated Closest Distance: 400 YARDS
- Equipment Used For Observation (make and power of binoculars, scope):  
LEICA 12x50 ULTRAVIOLET BINOCULARS  
SWAROVSKI 65MM SPOTTING SCOPE - UP TO 32x MAG
- Were Field Notes Taken At Time Of Observation?  Yes  No
- Were Any Photographs Taken?  Yes (attach if possible)  No

(OVER)

- Description Of Raptor (prior to consultation of field guide)

a. General Impression - size, shape, flight characteristics (glide, soar, wing beat, etc.), compare to known raptors. BIRD APPEARED AS A LARGE BUILT, SOARING LOW OVER VALLEY TO EAST OF HAWKWATCH. FLIGHT WAS MORE BOUYANT THAN OTHER BOTTLENECK BUSTERS (RED-TAILED, RED SHOULDERED), WINGS HELD AT A DIHEDRAL, BUT WAS CLEARLY A BUILT AND NOT A HARRIER. TURNS WERE DIFFERENT THAN A RED-TAILED.

b. Specific Description - Indicate observed field marks, vocalizations, etc. Sketch, if helpful. DARK HEAD, NO BELL BAND ON LOWER WHITE BELL, LONG WINGS, WHITE ON WINGS WITH DARK PLUMAGE SECONDARIES. STRAIGHT FRONT EDGE OF WINGS - NO DARK PLUMAGE. SLIGHT BOWED TRAILING EDGE



c. Remarks

NOTED BIRD TURNED MUCH DIFFERENTLY THAN RED-TAILED - TIGHTER AND DID NOT USE TAIL TO TURN

- Prior experience with this species: CONSIDERABLE IN TEXAS, ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA DURING MIGRATION + MANY OBSERVATIONS OF HUNTING + SOARING INDIVIDUALS

- Field Guides consulted: SIBLEY

- Your Name: Andrew Faxon Telephone Number (215) 205-8670

Address: PO Box 10  
FT WASHINGTON PA 19034

Signed: [Signature]

-Other Observers Present (at least two, if possible)

1. PETER BURNS, COMPILER Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**