

200-01 - 1996

The following is a direct copy of the reports received from Bob MaClay. The original does not copy well.

“Swainson’s:-

Tue Aug 13, 1996 at about 8:50 AM E.S.T. about 200' north of PA Rt 183 lookout (Schuylkill/Berks line) there was a light adult Swainson’s Hawk sitting wire in the in the rain vigorously trying to wipe off the water with his feet. He seemed very annoyed but maybe he was enjoying the bath as he kept wiping all over, even putting out his wing & rubbing underneath.

Anne & Bob MacClay

Gyr Falcon:-

Mon. Oct. 28 1996 at 3:15 PM E.S.T. a bird appeared about 50° to 55° altitude east of the north notch at PA. Rt. 183-Schuylkill/Berks line. It flipped & showed all white. As it came toward us it looked like a large white peregrine. Other Gyrs I (Bob) saw appeared first more Goshawk like. But it turned & showed us top & bottom as it passed at about 80° . (very obliging).

All white-now brown flecks even-nice dark wing tips.

Bob Silagy--Anne & Bob MacClay

(10X42 Leica Trinovids)

vis - 20+ miles

Air temp - 58°F - 14°C

Wind speed - 10-20 mph

Wind dir. - NNW

% cloud cover - 6

Type & Dir. - cumulus - NNW

Observed - 2 minutes.

On my notes I have - Close! Wow!!

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Gyrfalcon (*Falco rusticolus*)

Date of Sighting: 28 October 1996 to 28 October 1996

Location: RTE 183 HAWKWATCH

County: BERKS

Observer(s): Bob MacClay

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Bob MacClay

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella				X				
E. Kwater				X				
R. Ickes						X		
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe				X				
S. Feldstein						X		
TOTALS			1	4		2		
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Kane

Date:

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