

266-01-1989

TO: Steve Santer, PA BIRDS & P.O.R.C.
FROM: Edward H. Chubb, PA B.B.A.P. Dauphin County Coordinator - Region 13
DATE: September 19, 1989
RE: American Oystercatcher Sighting

Ed Chubb

On August 18, 1989 I received a report from Mr. Charles Bowen of an American Oystercatcher on the Susquehanna River between Middletown and Three Mile Island. Mr. Bowen produced the following (attached) description. The points of the sighting I would like to add:

1. Mr. Bowen is familiar with the species from New Jersey coast.
2. His immediate impression was that it was an Oystercatcher.
3. He was impressed by or recognized the large bright red/orange bill.
4. Rendering:
 - A. Mr. Bowen did indicate head was all black
 - B. legs were not quite as bright as bill but had definite color (pink-red) to them
 - C. definite sharp line between white & dark (black) regions on body
5. The drawing/rendering was discussed before referrals to field guides.
6. Positive ID's from field guides by Mr. Bowen after discussion of sighting & - Field guides referred to Master Guide w/photos; National Geo., Golden & Peterson's

As discussed w/Steve Santer this sighting definitely can not merit a #1 or #2 classification but should be recorded as a "possible". I personally am fairly well convinced that Mr. Bowen did observe said species and correctly ID'd it.

Thanks for consideration of this record.

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BIRD SIGHTED -

OYSTER CATCHER ? ① - OBSERVED - 5 MINUTES

- AUG. 15, 1989 - 11:00 A.M.

- PLACE - SUSQUEHANNA RIVER - BELOW MIDDLETOWN -

ABOVE RIFFLES AT NEW BOAT LANDING (LONDONDERRY TWP.)

- APPROACHED WITHIN 40 FT. - BIRD WAS WITH IMMATURE HERRING GULLS
BIRD FLEW TO ANOTHER SET OF ROCKS - LOOKING ... THE WATER -

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: American Oystercatcher

Date of Sighting: 08/15/89

Observer(s): Charles Bowen

Date of Submission: 1989 *Douphin*

Submitted by: Ed Chubb

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater							X
B. Haas				X			
F. Haas				X			
R. Leberman				X			
G. McWilliams						X	
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe				X			
TOTALS				5		1	1
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

B. Haas

Date:

12-26-89