







UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

Species (common & scientific) American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

Number of Individuals: 1 **Sex(es):** ?

Date Seen: 4/19/2007 **Time: Approx.** 10 AM – 12 AM

Where Seen (Town/County): Haycock Twp., Bucks Co.

Exact Location (Park, Road, Lake): Nockamixon State Park

Found by: Rob Fergus

Observer Reporting:

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Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you): m. ob. all day

Distance to Bird: 50 ft.

Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Good conditions.

Optical Equipment Used: 7X42 Zeiss Bins & Leica Scope

Habitat: Lakeshore mud edge next to grass lawn.

Description (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage: I am writing this because apparently no one else has. Typical Amer. Oystercatcher as can be seen from the photos. Black head, nape, and upper breast, white undersides, and brown on upper surfaces were visible, but rest of bird wasn't while I was there, as in photo by Cameron Rutt. Bill was orange-red with darker tip, which may indicate a first year bird. Red orbital ring around yellow eye could be seen.

Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): The bird was sitting the whole time I watched it doing basically nothing except becoming more alert when birders became noisy or moved too close.

Vocalizations: None

Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report): Photos by Cameron Rutt and Fred Gagnon are attached.

Separation from Similar Species (How you eliminated others): Black Oystercatcher, true to its name is black. Eurasian is black on top and white underneath. That's about all I know and assume these would be the most likely to be here.

Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it): None

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species: Have seen many times.

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not): Yes. Enough ID features were noted to eliminate others.

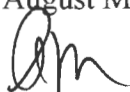
References:

During Observation: The Sibley Guide to the Birds

After Observation:

Date of report: 6/27/2007

Signature of Observer: August Mirabella



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: American Oystercatcher (Haematopus palliatus)

Date of Sighting: 19 April 2007 to 19 April 2007

Location: BUCKS

County : NOCKAMIXON STATE PARK

Observer(s): R. Fergus, C. Rutt, F Gagnon, A. Mirabella

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: R. Fergus, C. Rutt, F Gagnon, A. Mirabella

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

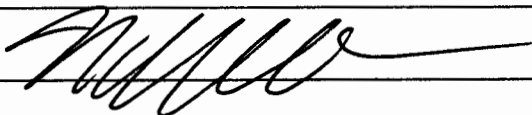
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
J. Stanley B. Louster	X							
E. Witmer	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

12/6/07