

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-11-01 10:05:35
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Chris Langman, Tom Johnson, Cameron Rutt, Doug Gochfeld
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	American Oystercatcher
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Haematopus palliatus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	2
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adults
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 12:30 PM
<b>County</b>	Delaware
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Marcus Hook
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Memorial Park
<b>Habitat</b>	River
<b>Distance to bird</b>	1/4/mile
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Cloudy, windy, drizzly but viewing distance was good, about 2 miles
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Zeiss 8x10
<b>Description</b>	There were two large shorebirds flying down river together. We noted the large size and the bright Orange bills. The birds were dark above and white below. The wings had a very wide, white wing stripe that extended from the inner secondaries to the middle primaries and the whole wing had a trailing edge of black. The tail was mostly white with a dark

terminal band.

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

Nothing to note except flying along the river

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

We can eliminate Black Oystercatcher due to white belly. I can't say for certain that we could eliminate Eurasian Oystercatcher because of the distance from the birds. The birds didn't look totally black above like Eurasian (more blackish brown) but the because of the distance I'm not sure.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

Tom Johnson took photos and hopefully will submit them.

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

Yes

**During**

None

**After**

None

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