

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-12-28 01:19:00
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: P.O. Box 135 City: Revere State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18953 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Billy Weber
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	American Oystercatcher
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Haematopus palliatus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 8:00 AM
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Haycock Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Nockamixon State Park - Fishing Pier <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">40.458556,-75.232919</span>
<b>Habitat</b>	on rocks at edge of Fishing Pier
<b>Distance to bird</b>	20 feet initially then it made several passes trying to land again
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	overcast skies but pretty clear viewing conditions
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica 10x40 binoculars
<b>Description</b>	Billy Weber and I set out early in the morning looking for storm birds brought in by Sandy. The Fishing Pier road was closed with many downed trees so we had to walk in. When we reached the end of the Fishing Pier, the American Oystercatcher flew off and made several passes trying to land again. It eventually wound up on the docks at the Marina where it spent the rest of the day and was seen by many others.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	It was in flight the entire time we had it

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

Yes

**During**

none

**After**

none

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

Photograph

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<b>Submission Date</b>	2013-03-09 23:02:46
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Bill Etter
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Bill Etter
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	American Oystercatcher
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Haematopus palliatus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-30-2012 11:15 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/pa/view/checklist?subID=S11904984">http://ebird.org/ebird/pa/view/checklist?subID=S11904984</a>
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Haycock Twp
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Lake Nockamixon / Nockamixon State Park
<b>Habitat</b>	Large rural lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	less than 100 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	8x Celestron binoculars, good Nikon 24-30x scope, Coolpix camera
<b>Description</b>	Unmistakable...large round nearly gull-sized shorebird with brown back, black head, and long, bright orange bill! Long pale legs, bright eye, pale white undersides, etc. Strong white wing markings on otherwise dark

wings when in flight.

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

This guy was loafing on the docks at the Lake Nockamixon marina with a mixed group of gulls for several hours (mostly Ring-billed and a few Laughing Gulls present).

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

Not really relevant as no species is similar. Black Oystercatcher would be unprecedented, and also would lack bright white underbelly.

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

Like the Laughing Gulls it was loosely associated with, this bird was obviously displaced by Hurricane Sandy. It stayed with the gull flock throughout the day, mostly relaxed but occasionally flushing from the docks and flying around and calling with the gulls when disturbed by raptors or dog walkers. Almost unbelievably, this is the third American Oystercatcher I've seen at Lake Nockamixon since 2003; two were associated with strong fall storms, and one was an odd spring vagrant.

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

Yes

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none

**After**

None

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

Photograph

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