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17 March 1999

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
C/O Frank Haas
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Dear PORC:

The following belated report is based upon my own notes, made at the time of the observation, offered now in case no one else submitted documentation, or in case the additional documentation is of some benefit.

Species: American Avocet (breeding plumage)

Date/Time: 7 September 1997. 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM.

Location: York County. Long Arm Reservoir, a few miles south of Hanover, PA.

Weather: 78 degrees, overcast, calm. There had been a brief light shower at 4:30 - 5:00 PM

Observer: Peter Robinson

Optics: Bausch & Lomb Elite 8x42; Bausch & Lomb Balscope Sr. 20X

Observation: I watched the bird for about 30 minutes, through the binoculars and the scope, from a distance of about 25 yards. The bird was a rather large, long-legged shorebird, somewhat larger than a Greater Yellowlegs. The head and neck were tan color, the body was white, and the wings were black with a large white patch on each of them. The bird had a long bill that was curved upward.

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Comments: The Avocet was not there at 7:45 AM the following day. Nobody else that I know of got to see the bird.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Robinson".

Peter Robinson

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Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*)

Date of Sighting: 7 September 1997 to 7 September 1997

Location: LONG ARM RESERVOIR

County: YORK

Observer(s): Peter Robinson

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Peter Robinson

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
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D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION								

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):

Date: