

Submission Date	2012-11-01 10:05:35
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 421 S Old Middletown Rd City: Media State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19063 Country: United States
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Species (Common Name)	American Oystercatcher
Species (Scientific Name)	Haematopus palliatus
Number of individuals	2
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adults
Observation Date and Time	10-30-2012 12:30 PM
County	Delaware
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Marcus Hook
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Memorial Park
Habitat	River
Distance to bird	1/4/mile
Viewing conditions	Cloudy, windy, drizzly but viewing distance was good, about 2 miles
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 8x10
Description	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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