

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	Street Address: 2488 schultz way City: york State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17402 Country: United States
Species (Common Name)	swallow tail kite
Species (Scientific Name)	Elanoides forficatus
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	04-06-2016 4:50 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Dauphin Boro
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	22/322 just north of the railroad overpass next to dauphin boro cruising just over the highway next to the river
Distance to bird	maybe 100 ft straight up cruising over the highway
Viewing conditions	excellent clear day
Optical equipment used	eyes only
Description	definite split tail. size of a seagull with the definite white head and body with the black edge on wings and tips
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	just hovering directly over the interstate next to the Susquehanna river
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	split tail gave it away. don't know anything else similar.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	I just wish there was a way to safely pull off the road to get a picture. it was very clear.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	i have seen swallow tailed kites in Florida. clear view of it very unmistakable.
After	googled swallow tail kite looked at audobon photos of them in flight

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