

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	Street Address: 226 Blair Street City: Johnstown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15905 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Bob Gorsuch Nancy Ott
Species (Common Name)	Swallow-tailed Kite
Species (Scientific Name)	Elanoides forficatus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult Male
Observation Date and Time	09-06-2016 11:50 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bedford
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Napier Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Allegheny Front Hawk Watch
Habitat	Mountain top
Distance to bird	100 to200ft
Viewing conditions	clear with strong Nw winds , large puffy clouds
Optical equipment used	Leica ultravid 8x42
Description	Bird approached head on appeared all white, made about 3 circles , long wings , long pointed tail, white with dark trailing edges on wings and dark tail
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Made three circles to gain height then fixed wings and headed south
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Was moving through with 3 broad winged hawks Went to National Geographic guide to birds to verify identification

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

Yes , It's a rare bird seldom seen in PA, very distinctif

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