

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	17150 State Route 706 Montrose PA 18801 United States
Names of additional observers	Priscilla Andre, Tom Norville, Jerry Ely, Sam Poet, Cindy Poet
Species (Common Name)	Brown Pelican
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Juvenile
Observation Date and Time	08-21-2016 3:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31189109
County	Susquehanna
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Bridgewater Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Chrisann
GPS coordinates of sighting	N41 50'13.33" W75 47'53.69"
Habitat	Small lake
Distance to bird	Estimate about 100 yards
Viewing conditions	Post storm front, calm, cool, very light drizzle
Optical equipment used	Scope B&L15-45x60; Canon 8x25 Image Stabilizer; Leopold 12x50 BX-3 Mohave; photos take with Canon EOST3i with 55x250 telephoto lens

Description	The bird was obviously a pelican. Tom Norville, who is familiar with the species from Florida visits, noted the absence of any yellow on the head. The bird was generally brown with a pale underside. In flight, longitudinal beige/white markings were noted on the underwings.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	The bird was initially seen standing on the floating dock. It made three flights. The first was a small circle of maybe 50 yards, landing on the water, moving its head in an animated motion as if searching for fish in the water. Without capturing anything, it flew back to the dock. The second flight,, a period of time later, was a longer flight made low over the water as if again the bird was searching for prey. Again it returned to the dock. The final flight was when the bird left the lake and was not seen again.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	It was unmistakably a brown pelican.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	The bird was present for approximately three hours. We believe it was first spotted around 3:00 PM, the last photo taken is time stamped 5:51, and the bird flew off shortly after that. Dave Andre's family owns the local Agway store (third generation family business) where most residents purchase bird food. Dave is known as the guy to call with interesting bird sightings. That is exactly what his friend Jerry Ely did that Sunday afternoon. He described to Dave the unusual bird perched on his dock. Dave and his wife, Priscilla, drove immediately to Lake Chrisann. They attempted to call a number of other birders in the area, but were only able to reach Tom Norville. Tom arrived with his camera. He is also an eBirder, so the sighting was recorded there. Besides the photos attached to Tom's checklist, he is in possession of 20+ photos of the bird. The other names on the observer list are cottagers who stopped over to see what was happening when they saw people on the dam breast looking through a spotting scope. Photos are in the possession of Tom Norville. Report is submitted by Evan Mann on behalf of Dave Andre.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes. Shape, bill, plumage, behavior.
During	None
After	Sibley Field Guide
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
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