

PA Rare Bird Report

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| Submission Date | 2017-09-02 17:10:56 |
| Observer's Name | James Rocco |
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| Observer's Address | 226BlairStreet Johnstown PA 15905 United States |
| Names of additional observers | Bob Stewart, Janet Kuehl |
| Species (Common Name) | Swallowtail kite |
| Species (Scientific Name) | Elanoides forficatus |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known) | not known |
| Observation Date and Time | 08-28-2017 10:30 AM |
| Did you submit this sighting to eBird? | Not yet (please do, eBird is great!) |
| County | Bedfordd |
| 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 | less than 100 feet |
| Viewing conditions | clear to partly cloudy |
| Optical equipment used | Leica binoculars 8x42 |
| Description | First spotted the bird low in the valley, thought it was a osprey. It was very windy the bird was having a hard time when a gust of wind turned him over. That's when i noticed the white head and dark body.The bird moved into the ridge and I lost sight of it. I moved from the lower sight at the watch to the flat part of the watch. Janet started yelling that it was a kite. When I reached the flat the bird was directly overhead thats when noticed thats when I noticed the white body black tail and dark trailing edge on the wings. The bird was no more than 50 to 60 feet overhead. |
| Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) | SEE ABOVE |

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

There are no similar birds

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

Yes..... How many birds look like a swallow tailed kite.

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