

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	200 South Flint Court Yardley Pennsylvania 19067 United States
Species (Common Name)	Anhinga
Species (Scientific Name)	Anhinga anhinga
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	?
Observation Date and Time	05-22-2018 4:10 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Dauphin
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Middletown
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	On Swatara Creek where it crosses the Pa. turnpike (~ MP 250)
GPS coordinates of sighting	N40° 12'30" W72° 42'59'
Habitat	broad open creek
Distance to bird	100 yards
Viewing conditions	excellent viewing, although back lit
Optical equipment used	None
Description	I was driving east bound on the Pa. Turnpike at about 70 miles/hour. The bird was soaring over the creek and was banking, giving an excellent silhouette of the bird with its tail spread.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Soaring

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

This bird had an extremely long fanned tail; a very long neck, head and pointed bill and long pointed wings.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

No other species has the silhouette of an Anhinga.

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

Absolutely. I've seen hundreds, if not thousands in Florida.

After

Not needed, but I checked Sibley

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