

# PA Rare Bird Report

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## Documentation

**Species (Common Name)** Neotropic Cormorant  
**Species (Scientific Name)** Phalacrocorax brasilianus  
**Number of individuals** 1

**Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)**  
 Immature.

**Observation Date and Time** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:30

**Did you submit this sighting to eBird?**

Yes

**Link to eBird checklist** <https://ebird.org/checklist/S85459403>

**County** Lycoming

**Location (City, Borough, Township)** Williamsport

**Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)** Williamsport Dam

**GPS coordinates of sighting** 41.2347685,-77.0060921

**Habitat** River.

<b>Distance to bird</b>	30 yards approximately.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Overcast.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica 10X42 Ultravid binoculars, Leica Spotting Scope.

### Description

Smaller than Double-crested Cormorants it was associating with. The size difference was very apparent when the birds took to the water. This individual is an immature bird with brownish plumage. Front of neck whitish like immature Double-crested but differed in having a brown breast and belly compared to immature Double-crested which showed completely white underparts. Throat pouch bordered by a pointed white line at the rear of the pouch near bill gape.

### Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Perched on a partially submerged branch with an adult and immature Double-crested Cormorant. Also seen swimming with a group of Double-crested Cormorants.

### Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The size difference was obvious. The white border to the throat pouch that was pointed at the gape of the bill was diagnostic. Also the immature Double-crested was completely pale from the neck through to the belly. The Neotropic was brown on the underparts.

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

This bird was discovered a few days prior and seen and photographed by many observers. Photographs are in my ebird checklist.

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)** Yes due to the details above.

## References Consulted

<b>During</b>	None.
<b>After</b>	Sibley Guide, National Geographic field guide, Seabirds, An Identification Guide.

## Uploads

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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