

Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

BIRD RECORD EVALUATION FORM

Record Number: 1995.024

Species: Anhinga (2 birds)

Date(s): 28 April 1995

Location(s): Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois

Observers(s): Paul Clyne

Evidence:

Contributor
Paul Clyne

Type
Written description

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Name of IORC member: Steven D. Bailey

First Round Vote: A-Sci Date: August 25, 1997

All diagnostic features (at least what could be seen on a bird flying overhead) are noted. However, it is hard for me to believe that the observer was able to get all of the characteristics and features noted out of a 5-6 second observation!

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Name of IORC member: David B. Johnson

First Round Vote: A-5(1) **Date:** 7 July 1997

The observer appears to have eliminated immature
Double-crested Cormorant. While you can see
a lot in six seconds I still have some reservations
regarding this record - particularly two birds.

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Name of IORC member: A David Bohler

First Round Vote: U-I **Date:** 26 Aug 97

Seen only briefly & very high

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Name of IORC member: *Norman Klein*

First Round Vote: *A-S (1)* **Date:** *16 July 1997*

Great description -- almost too "flowery".

Original vote for this record prepared and submitted 2 Aug. 1995.

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First Round Vote: _____

AS (1)

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17 July 1997

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Name of IORC member: *M. Lynn Deaton*

First Round Vote: *A - SP*

Date: *7-14-97*

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Name of IORC member: Robert T. Chapel

First Round Vote: H-I A-5(1) **Date:** 7-20-97

The field marks seen do strongly suggest Anhingas, but the brevity of the view causes concern. The hooked beak of cormorants is not always immediately apparent on flying birds. The tails did not show the flared out appearance that Anhingas often show. While they may not always show this, it would be helpful if this had been seen. The contrast between black wing-linings and silvery gray flight feathers does not eliminate cormorants (especially since the contrast was not as great as with Turkey Vultures), as the sunlight filtering through flight feathers on cormorants can create this appearance (a phenomenon I observed this morning). Has Neotropical Cormorant, with its smaller head, straighter and thinner neck, and longer tail, been considered and eliminated?