

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2002-051T

**Name of bird form:** Anhinga

**Committee member name:** Josh Engel

**Date of review:** 21 August 2016

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** U-I

**Comments:**

The details are too sparse to be sure of the identification.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2002-051T

**Name of bird form:** Anhinga

**Committee member name:** Fraker

**Date of review:** 8/28/16

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** U-I

**Comments:** Despite the location and date being appropriate; I would have liked to know where the “white patches” were on the wings? It sounds as if she saw the bird from below? She saw it flying for “several seconds” but then notes that it was a five minute observation.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2002-051T

**Name of bird form:** Anhinga

**Committee member name:** Greg Lambeth

**Date of review:** August 31, 2016

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** U - I

**Comments:**

The committee has reviewed several records for Anhinga recently and I think we have established as a group that it can be difficult to identify this bird in flight. The documentation for this record was written a number of years after the sighting and it is too brief to rule out Double-breasted Cormorant.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2002-051T

**Name of bird form:** Anhinga

**Committee member name:** McMullen

**Date of review:** 9-1-16

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** U-I

**Comments:**

Many fly-by Cormorants are misidentified as ANHINGA so this wouldn't be the first to be rejected. I'm not convinced this was an AHNINGA, therefore a no vote from me.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2002-051T

**Name of bird form:** Anhinga

**Committee member name:** Douglas Stotz

**Date of review:** 14 September 2016

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** U-I

**Comments:** Pretty limited description. White wing patches do suggest Anhinga, but wish there were more detail. The fact that this was done “several years after” the sighting could explain the poor quality of the description, but also makes it hard to accept this record.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2002-051T

**Name of bird form:** Anhinga

**Committee member name:** Paul Sweet

**Date of review:** 8/28/16

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** U-I

**Comments:** The description is minimal at best, and the only reason given for ruling out a cormorant is the white patches in the wings. I don't know how prevalent leucism is in cormorants, but I can't find that single mark to be sufficient to accept a positive sighting of Anhinga.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2002-051T

**Name of bird form:** Anhinga

**Committee member name:** Geoffrey A. Williamson

**Date of review:** 18 August 2016

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** U-I

### **Comments:**

This is a documentation prepared 14 years after the fact, though I should note that the observer states that "notes were done right away" although confessing that "they weren't extensive notes."

The description is very brief. The location of the "whitish patches" on the wing is not given. Nothing in the description of the bird's shape differentiates it from a cormorant, though the observer states that it was only "vaguely" like a cormorant.

There is a possibility that the bird was identified correctly, but a cormorant with abnormal coloring of feathers in the wing cannot be excluded. Without a clearer description of the bird that pins it as an Anhinga, I don't support accepting the record.