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## Bird like creature in Northwestern NY

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submitted 2 months ago by tankmm90

Back in 2010-2011 I was a MEDEVAC crew chief based in Ft. Drum NY. We would regularly do training flights at night to keep current with NVGs.

One particular night we had a flight around 10-11 pm and by time we were done for the night it was closer to 1am. My car was having some issues so the other crew chief offered to drive me home so I wouldn't have to wait on a cab.

I happened to live maybe 10 minutes away which took us off base through a mile of small town some woods then open fields to my place. I had made this drive tons of times and never had anything out of the ordinary happen until that night.

As we reached the edge of the small town I noticed a figure in the road near an intersection just sort of stand up and turn towards us. Despite the headlights being on all I could see was this black figure with wings that extended past both sides of the road take off in the blink of an eye. As we get to the stop sign my friend stops wide eyed and quietly asks "did you just....." the only response I had was "so I'm not crazy?"

We drove the rest of the way in silence and didn't discuss it again till the next day.

To this day we still don't know what we saw.

1 Neither of us have EVER seen a bird that large in that area before

2 We've never seen a bird take off as fast as this one did

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A large flying creature has been spotted around Texas for over 50 years now. It was sighted around Houston and over the years it has migrated to West Texas. Sort of like the Mothman. There are reported striped markings on the inside of the wings.

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[–] **Vexel180** 2 points 2 months ago

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[–] **MrNinjaSomething** 2 points 2 months ago

Maybe it was an Emu? For awhile there were emu ranches all over the US.

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[–] **tankmm90** [S] 1 point 2 months ago

I have to say that's not the case for a couple treasons 1 legs are way to long 2 emus don't fl

Did not know about the emu ranches though that's interesting

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[–] **tauntonlake** 1 point 2 months ago

Could it have been a condor ?

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[–] **tankmm90** [S] 1 point 2 months ago

I don't think so it seemed a lot bigger than any condor I've ever heard of.

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[–] **limabeanns** 4 points 2 months ago

Could it have been a great blue heron? At full height they can appear very tall. I surprised one on a trail

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once and it seemed to stand at nearly my height before it took flight (I'm 5'3).

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The head/legs are not right for it to have been a heron. I live by a lake currently where I see them often and they just don't quite fit the bill

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Thunderbird

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yeah, look at this sucker!

<https://imgur.com/nKA4GBw>

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[ - ] feasantly\_plucked 2 points 2 months ago

I hate to rain on the cryptid parade, but that bird is a model of an extinct bird. Or so I've seen said on various sites talking about Thunderbird.

Huge vultures and condors did exist in the recent past, though, and the ones we see today are their smaller cousins.

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See that looks about right!

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My comment got deleted; apparently I can't post Youtube links here.

But your Thunderbird is at 0:30 in the STARZ - American Gods - Season 3 trailer that just dropped ... :)

American Gods | Season 3 Official Trailer | STARZ

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Maybe it was la lechuza. That owl shaped humanoid thing. I've seen it before out camping and it scared me shitless.

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Never heard of her until now.....creepy for sure

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Yeah I remember seeing a woman shaped owl thing out in the Sequoias and boy I hightailed the F\* out of there. I was not tripping, I'm not a drinker/smoker and I'm quite skeptical with the paranormal. I've seen owls before. This was too large to be an owl, or even an ostrich It had the voice of a woman as well. Never forgetting what I saw

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Oh wow that's creepy for sure

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[–] [SofaTurnip](#) 8 points 2 months ago

Uh, so I live like 10 minutes from Drum and you just made me want to move. Lol. Seriously though, I have seen some crazy things out of the corner of my eye while driving around the area at night. I try to explain them away, but sometimes you just can't.

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I've always gotten chills or thought I've seen something out of the corner of my eye but this was the first time I'd ever actually seen something that I could with 100% certainty was there

I was in Great Bend heading towards Black River at the time

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Oh, shit. I live there. I'll have to keep an eye open.

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Mothman is what first pops into my mind though I'm not sure that is it it could be some sort of undiscovered species that is on the brink of extinction

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I thought the same at first but the body didn't seem humanoid

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Well It could be something similar or it is mothman but it's more moth than man

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[–] [Wildcard556](#) 1 point 2 months ago

I was honestly about to say Mothman myself. However the description didn't seem to match the traits.

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I believe it. Here on the NY/PA border there were always stories of a gigantic bird.

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[–] [tankmm90](#) [S] 3 points 2 months ago

I've looked and looked but I've never found anything with any sightings in the area before. A bird/bird like creature that large though wouldn't be surprising if it traveled that far.

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[–] [EasternPineMan](#) 4 points 2 months ago

I don't think it's the same entity or animal. Have a feeling there's a lot of them out there, whatever they are. I'm in the Catskills, way south of Ft. Drum. Furthest upstate I've been is Brockport. And going to that area, passing through some places, I don't doubt weird things are there.

Could it have been a mothman-type creature?

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That was one of our initial thoughts but the body wasn't quite humanoid.

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[–] [EasternPineMan](#) 3 points 2 months ago

My first thought too upon reading this. Giant bird, or "prehistoric flying lizard" are my best guesses.

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[–] [SofaTurnip](#) 5 points 2 months ago

I live near Ft Drum. My sister came to visit me a few years back and swore to me she saw a pterodactyl.

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[–] [tankmm90](#) [S] 2 points 2 months ago

Maybe she saw the same thing.... I was in Great Bend heading towards Black River at the time

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