

Tacoma, Washington, Sightings

Last year, I wrote a little about two pterosaurs observed together on a country road in the state of Washington:

Two Modern Pterosaurs in State of Washington

I was riding my bike home from a friends house around 5 pm . . . I heard a strange noise . . . looked to my left, and on a wood plank fence were two of the biggest bird like creatures I could ever imagine! . . . the first thing I noticed was their heads . . . could they be dinosaurs? . . . They were Huge!

Now a new reported sighting in Washington has caught my attention.

More Pterosaurs in Washington State

It silently swoops down at you with giant bat wings. . . . We keep our chickens and goats, small dogs and cats safely housed at night, however two of our cats who sneaked out one night onto the roof disappeared without a trace of fur, blood or any evidence of what exactly happened.

I would like to add more, from the original report.

Tacoma, Washington, Pterodactyls or Pterosaurs

We live in the pacific northwest (near Tacoma, WA) on many acres of mostly tree covered land with a creek. We have seen and heard a strange nocturnal, batlike creature. This thing is huge, light grey, skin with no fur, feathers or scales . . .

It makes a sound like a jungle monkey or bird, thus we refer to it as the monkey bird . . . There were two of them together and they seemed fearless of me when they swooped

down at me more than once and returned way up to the top of the highest trees. I couldn't get a look at the faces or eyes, mainly the huge grey bat wings approximately 4' span are what I could see. They seem to show up every summer always after dusk anytime through the night.

What catches my attention here are the combination of nocturnal behavior and bat-like association. I know that an observer's use of the words "after dusk" and "bat-like" do not mean that what was observed must have been pterosaurs. But the combination of un-bat-like size and strange vocalizations suggests something strange.

Some eyewitnesses describe large nocturnal flying creatures that are much larger than any known bats for the areas in question in the United States, and long *Rhamphorhynchoid* tails on featherless flying creatures make a convincing case for modern pterosaurs. It is within that context that I suspect that the "jungle monkey bird" sighting may be a related species.

Flying Dinosaurs

Contrary to the proclamations of some critics, the rarity of reports of eyewitnesses is from the ridicule that many of them face after telling people what they saw; it is not generally from insanity or dishonesty. In developed countries, the extinction of all species of dinosaurs and pterosaurs has been dogmatically taught to us from early childhood. This indoctrination, in the United States, makes it difficult for eyewitnesses to talk.