

Ropen Attacks

I recently received an eyewitness report from a man who was one of many children, many years ago, who had seen a giant flying creature in Canada. Please consider some of what this anonymous eyewitness reports, and believe what you will about the possibility that these children saw a large ropen.

Gigantic flying creature in Canada

I also saw a "giant" pterodactyl! Actually most of the senior students of our public school saw it too. This was back in about 1960 when I was 12 years old. . . . Since I am now almost 67 yrs old, I would like to find anyone else who might have seen one too.

Year: ... 1960-1961

Date: ... sometime in the fall.

Location:... Kitchener, Ontario, Canada,

Address:... King Edward Public School,

It was a dull and rainy fall morning. The rain had just stopped so we kids were forced to go outside during our morning recess. . . . it was cold and wet and a low hanging fog hovered about 20 feet above the ground.

Us guys started a ball game, but quickly gave up because the ball kept disappearing into the overhead fog . . . So, we decided to quit and just wait for the bell.

Suddenly, we heard screams . . . We looked up the field at the girls and the ones farthest away from us were pointing into the overhead fog bank and screaming. Then the girls below them started screaming and pointing into the fog. . . .

I was curious, as were all the other boys, so we positioned ourselves under the fog, hoping we would get to see whatever it was they were screaming at. I can still remember me

bracing my legs apart, so as not to lose my balance as I looked up into a grey cloud.

Suddenly, It appeared! . . . An airplane-sized black bird was silently gliding just at the bottom of the fog bank. It must have been that low, so it could see where it was going by looking at the ground. It appeared to be only maybe 20 feet over my head and I could see it as clear as a bell.

The first thing I noticed was obviously its size. I was directly under one wing and it was much wider than myself and a group of my buddies put together. . . . I would estimate "one" wing to be 20 feet in length. Then I noticed a good 3 foot long pointed beak and a shorter 2 footish bump on the back of its head which was not as pointed as its beak.

Do ropens ever attack people?

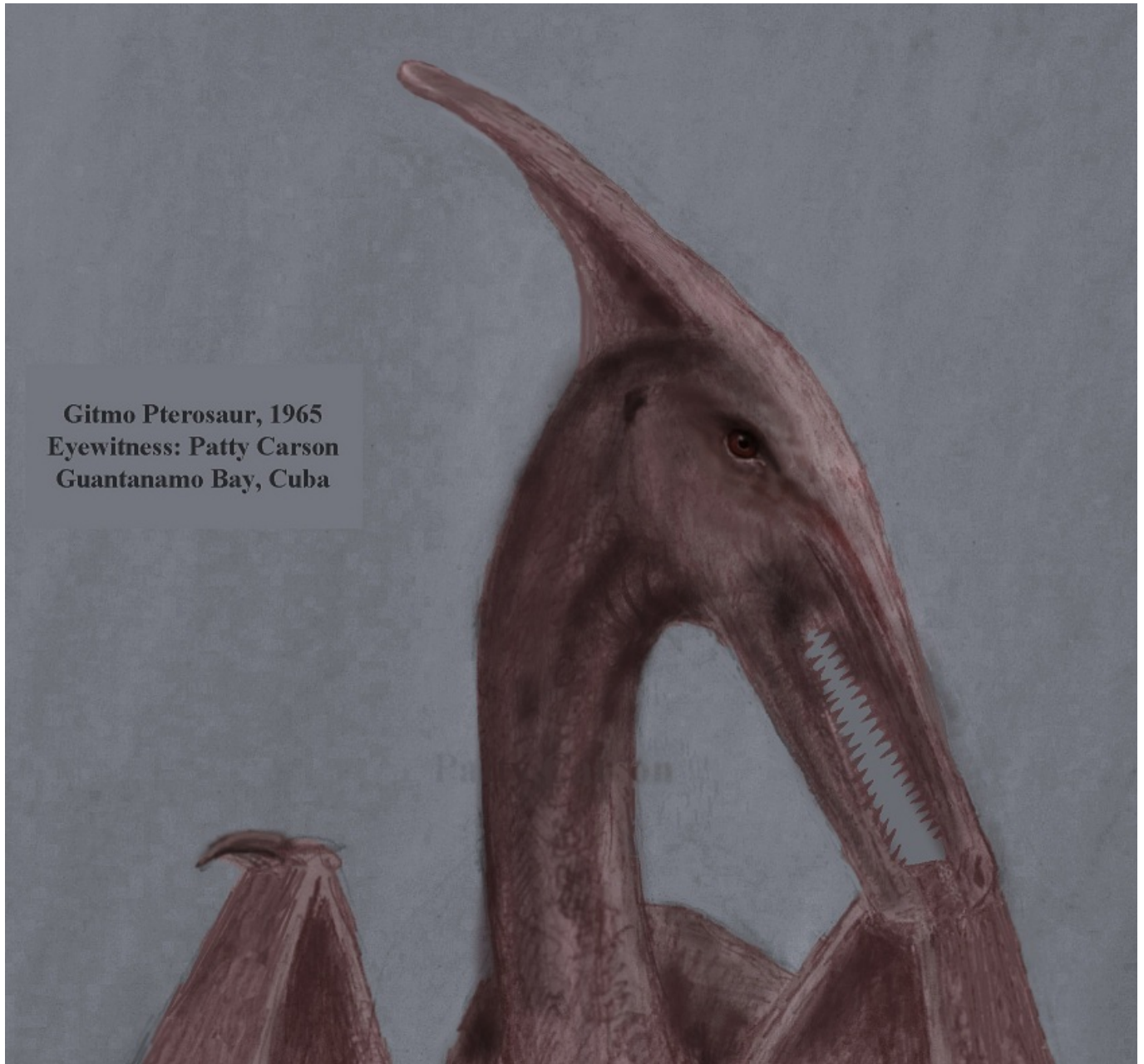
Unfortunately, yes, although human victims are much more rare than the fish, birds, and bats that are usually hunted by these flying creatures.

I have seen reports, not first hand, of large flying creatures killing people on the mainland of Papua New Guinea. In villages around the cities of Lae and Finschhafen, adult humans have been carried away, apparently, although news like that rarely gets into any Western newspapers. In the remote village of Tawa, many years ago, a number of *indavas* used to attack natives, sometimes carrying away a child or a pig, according to Paul Nation.

In the United States and Canada, we have indirect and not-so-indirect evidence that unidentified flying creatures (UFC) sometimes attack people and may be the cause of a considerable percentage of the most mysterious cases for missing persons.

In particular, when you visit a wilderness area in North America, try not to be alone for long, and keep an eye on what

may be flying overhead. Enjoy the scenery, of course, just don't let yourself get carried away.



Ropen of eastern Cuba, mid-20th century (sketch by Patty Carson)

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Can Ropens Hide in Caves?

Last month, I learned about multi-eyewitness sightings of flying lights in the northwestern United States, lights that the observers believe are bioluminescent pterosaurs, possibly ropens. It seems these lights fly over at least two rivers in this part of the country and near one particular river the lights enter and exit nearby caves.

Ropens are pterosaurs

The men soon realized that it was no bird that started to circle the clearing. It had a tail "at least ten to fifteen feet long."

Three native eyewitnesses of the ropen

Last week's "Flying Monsters" episode of MonsterQuest had major problems. For one thing, the producers included almost no detail on the eyewitness sightings.

Ropen – a living pterosaur?

How often we've been taught that all dinosaurs and pterosaurs became extinct millions of years ago, as if that were proven! But what if some are still living?

Credibility of native eyewitnesses

"Note that these islanders [of Umboi know about] . . . the bat we call "Flying Fox." That nocturnal featherless flying animal is common on that island. The Flying Fox holds no fear for the native. In fact, it's an ingredient in a soup they relish.

Bioluminescent ropen of Papua New Guinea

American cryptozoology author Jonathan Whitcomb believes the ropen of Umboi is related to the "Gitmo Pterosaur" of Cuba.

About the flying ropen

Brian Hennessy saw a “prehistoric” flying creature on Bougainville Island, in 1971. About twenty-three years later, the Umboi Island native Gideon Koro saw a similar creature, many miles to the west of Hennessy’s ropen sighting.

Destination Truth Ropen Episode

Just before Eric Wing and Neil [Mandt] interviewed me in their Hollywood office, I had received news that Paul [Nation] had videotaped some ropen lights (also called indava lights: the first video footage of its kind that would enter the United States).

A modern live pterosaur

What is this flying creature called “ropen?” Countless eyewitnesses, in many countries across the planet, have pondered what it was they had seen. But ropens continue to fly overhead, continuing to shock humans who had assumed that all pterosaurs had become extinct millions of years ago.

Flying Fox Bat Versus Ropen

Up until the late 20th Century, the flying fox explanation was used to dismiss reports of large flying creatures in Papua New Guinea, nocturnal creatures that some people called pterodactyls.

Attack in the Dead of Winter – Nightmare

Remember your worst nightmare? Were you glad to wake up? Be grateful. In the early morning hours of February 23, 2010, a few miles or so southwest of Marfa, Texas, the victims were terrified by what awakened them. I am not the eyewitness . . .

. I interviewed my friend James, who had been driving through Southern Texas . . .

Searching for Ropens and Finding God (nonfiction)

During those fourteen months of failure to get a ropen's photograph, I did get many precious sighting reports from across the United States.

El Ropen de Papúa Nueva Guinea

El "ropen" es un cryptid de Papúa Nueva Guinea. Algunos investigadores creen que es un pterosauro que vive.

Jonathan Whitcomb's Ropen Research

I have admired Jonathan Whitcomb's Ropen / Pterosaur research for many years. I have posted a few of Jonathan's offerings from recent years, which includes an article he wrote for Phantoms & Monsters.

Flying Dinosaurs—Alive?

Do you believe in the possibility that long-tailed featherless flying creatures, much larger than any fruit bat, live in the jungles of Papua New Guinea? Your belief depends a great deal on where you lived your childhood: in a village like Gomlongon on Umboi Island or in a western country like the United States.

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