

# Declaration on Eyewitness Reports of Apparent Living Pterosaurs



Seen by a Marine in 1971



Gitmo Pterosaur, 1965  
Eyewitness: Patty Carson  
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Seen by Patty Carson in 1965

Both sightings were at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

The following persons ask the general public to become aware of research into many eyewitness sightings of apparent [extant pterosaurs](#), commonly called “pterodactyls,” and to consider the possibility that at least some of the accounts have been from actual encounters with flying creatures descended from animals closely related to pterosaurs known from fossils.

We also invite people to become aware that at least [three scientific papers](#) have been published on the subject of modern pterosaurs. In addition, many nonfiction books have been written on these flying creatures, as well as over a thousand web pages and blog posts, although we make no overall statement or recommendation on those many print and online publications.

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## About This Proclamation on Living Pterosaurs

Please be aware that, although one or more of the above-named persons is an eyewitness of an apparent living pterosaur, this is not a list of eyewitnesses; it is simply a list of some of those who have come forward to support research and expeditions to search for these flying creatures that may, at least for the most part, be nocturnal.

## Partial List of Locations Where Living Pterosaurs Have Been Reported

Most of the following are from direct eyewitness testimony sent to the cryptozoologist Jonathan Whitcomb, who now lives in Murray, Utah. Some of the reports, however, involve more direct communication with the persons who encountered the flying creatures: face-to-face interviews and phone conversations.

## **Africa**

Kenya, 1969

Namibia, [Windhoek](#) 2011

Sudan, 1988 (very close to eyewitness; it had a structure at the end of its tail)

## **Australia**

New South Wales, Grafton, 2007

Queensland, [Sunshine Coast](#), Mount Coolum

Victoria, Brim, probably 2017

Victoria, [Dandenong Ranges](#), late 1990's

Victoria, 40 km east of Melbourne, 2016

Western Australia, Kalbarri, 1979

Western Australia, [Perth](#), 1997

## **Canada**

Alberta, Edmonton, 2015

British Columbia, Burnaby, probably 2010

Ontario, [Kitchener](#), about 1960 (many eyewitness of the huge flying creature)

Ontario, Lindsay, fall of 2016

Ontario, near Detroit, 2012

Saskatchewan, about 1983 (two “pterodactyls” - wingspan 14-18 feet)

{there have been many other sightings in Canada, not listed here}

## **Cuba**

Guantanamo Bay, 1965 (small teeth in the big “dinosaur's” mouth)

[Guantanamo Bay](#), 1971 (two large “pterodactyls” seen by a U.S. Marine)

## **England**

Hertfordshire, 2017

Lake District, about 1996

[Shropshire](#), Whitchurch, 2017 (multiple sightings; two pterosaurs; three eyewitnesses)

## **Malaysia**

Kuala Lumpur (May 29, 2015 – two eyewitnesses)

## **Mexico**

southern Chihuahua, 300 miles west of Monterrey (prob. 2005 – glowing, featherless)

## **Netherlands**

Near [Amsterdam](#), 2007 (like most of these, reported directly to Jonathan Whitcomb)

## **Panama**

In about July of 1978 – the wingspan was “Probably 20 feet”

## **Papua New Guinea**

[Bougainville](#) Island, 1971 (Australian eyewitness; clear daylight)

Near [Finschhafen](#), 1944 (two American soldiers see a gigantic ropen)

Umboi Is., Bunsil Bay area (mostly submerged; tail was “about 6-7 meters long”)

Umboi Island, [Lake Pung](#), 1993 (seven native eyewitnesses; clear daylight)

South of Lake Pung, 2001 (the huge ropen was flying towards Lake Pung)

Mainland near Umboi (1990 – wingspan estimated at 30 feet – no feathers)

## **Singapore**

In a forest where [Singapore](#) now is, about 1961

## **Spain**

Barcelona, 1990 (“prehistoric pterodactyl” seen in many places; many eyewitnesses)

[Benicassim](#), 2007 (seen near a music concert location at night)

## **United States of America**

Hundreds of sightings; many states, especially California and Texas

Alabama: northern AL (2010 - wingspan probably 8-10 feet; late morning sighting)

[Arizona: Phoenix](#) (2007 – near airport - “very large . . . no feathers”)

Arizona: [Tucson](#) (“baby” pterosaur with a wingspan of at least six feet)

Arizona: southwest of Flagstaff, 2014

Arkansas: March 16, 2017 (long tail like the two sketches of the Gitmo pterosaur)

Arkansas: central area of state, 2012

Arkansas: Lee Creek, just north of Arkansas River (1977 - wingspan of about 8 feet)

Arkansas, Green Forest (spring, 2016 - wingspan **close** to between 15 and 19 feet)

California, [Altadena](#) (late 1960's - wingspan of “pterodactyl” = “length of a bus”)

California, Anaheim (about 1993 - “wingspan almost as wide as our house”)

California, Atwater (December 12, 2014 – black “pterosaur” with a long tail)

California, Canoga Park (1993 – huge, “moving it's wings very, very slowly”)

California, near Culver City at Balona Creek (2004 at 3 a.m.)

California, Huntington Beach (probably in 2017)

California, Los Angeles (March 3, 2013 – [three dragons](#) flying east of Griffith Park)

California, Los Angeles (May 13, 2013 – east of Griffith Park - “NOT a bird”)

California, near Riverside (Lake Hills -prob. 2012 – very long tail and a head crest)

California, Lakewood (around early 2011 - “[dragon](#)” flying over storm channel)

California, Lakewood (June 19, 2012 - “dragon-pterodactyl” near a storm channel)

California, Long Beach (2017 - “reminded me of a dragon”)

California, Long Beach (August of 2017 – no feathers and a long tail)

California, Long Beach (March of 2011 - “dragon . . . pterosaur”)

California, east of Lancaster (about 2004 - “told 3 people and they don't believe me”)

California, Modesto (probably early 2013 – two eyewitnesses – it had a long tail)

California, Murrieta (Dec 2, 2016 - “like a giant dragon, huge wings with a long tail”)

California, NE area of CA (March 27, 2013 – two eyewitnesses)

California, [Santa Ana](#) area (1989 – no feathers; triangular structure at tail end)

California, Oxnard (May of 2008 – two “pterosaurs” - wingspan of 8-12 feet)

California, near Pacific Palisades (2007)

California, Pico Rivera (about 2006 - “like a bat and had a very long tail”)

California, Placerville (1973)

California, Porterville (2013)

California, [San Diego](#) (late 2011 – two eyewitnesses saw two apparent pterosaurs)

California, Sun Valley (April 18th, 2017 at night)

California, near Ventura (May of 2017 - “The tail was quite long”)

Florida (2011 & 2013 – two sightings; two eyewitnesses; huge bat wings)

Florida, Crestview (2012, Nov 14, 11:45 a.m. - “Huge [rhamphorhynchus](#) like”)

Florida, Jupiter (about late 2002 – two eyewitnesses; two creatures - “not birds”)

Florida, [Pensacola](#) (1995 - “bat wings, at least a 20 ft wing span”)

Florida, Sarasota (1987 – huge wings; “leathery. No feathers”)

Georgia, near Cartersville (about mid-April of 2013)

Georgia, mountains of northern GA, Warwoman creek (2016 – wingspan 15 feet+)

Georgia, [Franklin](#), Highway-27 (2012 – at least two eyewitnesses: “flyin dinosaur”)

Georgia, between Murrayville and Dahlonega (2003 - “large pterodactyl”)

Georgia, Canton (1997 – “pterosaur” sighting lasted about 20 seconds)

Georgia, southwest GA (April of 2011 - “pterodactyl” - “diamond shape” at tail-end)

Georgia, Lithonia (two sightings, both early morning - “pointy head in the back”)

Georgia, near Loganville (June of 2016 – no feathers – two eyewitnesses)

Georgia, in [Loganville](#), Briscoe Rd (Dec 10, 2012 – two persons saw “pterodactyl”)

Georgia, northern GA (July, 2010 – two persons saw two creatures: wingsp 15-20 ft)

Georgia, near Winder (Aug 27, 2008 - large \*pterosaur - “the tail was very long”)

Georgia, near Winder (Sep 10, 2008 – same kind of \*pterosaur but a bigger one)

Hawaii, Big Island (Aug. 20, 2016, 5:20 pm – two eyewitnesses – lasted 2+ minutes)

Hawaii, Big Island (about May of 2012 – wingspan about 6 feet)

Hawaii, Big Island, downtown Kona (probably May of 2012 - wingspan about 5 ft)

Hawaii, Big Island (early July of 2012 – two persons saw “pterodactyl” over house)

Hawaii, Big Island (June 23, 2013 – three persons saw big “pterodactyl”)

Hawaii (December of 2012 - “It definitely wasn't a bat.” - [living pterosaur](#))

Hawaii, Kauai (1990's - “I saw flocks of these . . . pterodactyl bird”)

Hawaii (about 2002 – two eyewitnesses - “diamond” shape at the end of the tail)

Hawaii, Oahu, Waikiki, Hilton (three persons saw . . . a lot bigger than an albatross)

Hawaii, Oahu (about 1972 - Les Kouke saw “[pterodactyl](#)” - wingspan of 30+ feet)

Idaho, Boise area (about 1975 – two eyewitnesses; while standing, looked like a man)

Kansas, St. Francis (about 2005 – two businessmen saw a “pterodactyl”)

Kansas, Cheyenne Bottoms (probably 2017 – three eyewitnesses, early afternoon)

Kansas, near Hudson (June 2, 2012 – two eyewitnesses; “looked like a dragon”)

Kansas, 20 miles south of Kansas City (2012 - “huge...huge wings . . . No feathers”)

Kentucky, Renfro Valley (two men see two “[pterodactyls](#)” . . . animal length = 15+ feet)

Louisiana, New Llano (Aug 29, 2012 – small pterosaur – blown inland by hurricane?)

[Louisiana, near Metairie](#) (June, 2013 – two persons saw it: pterosaur size=small plane)

Louisiana, New Orleans (October 30, 2012 – enormous size)

Maine, Auburn (about May of 2013 – huge wingspan and no feathers)

Massachusetts (2008 - “Pterosaur/Rhamphorhynchus” - also in 2016 and 2017)

Michigan, Bad Axe (about 1975 – two boys were terrified of a gigantic pterosaur)



Minnesota, northern Minn (long tail, many teeth, “reddish brown leather type skin”)

Minnesota, near Lake Pepin (1995 - no feathers; large horn out of the back of head)

Mississippi, Meridian (2001 – wingspan was about 25 feet)

Mississippi, northern MS (about early 2014 - “a credible witness who is educated”)

Missouri, St. Louis (July 15, 2004 - [long head crest](#); large horn out the back of head)

Missouri (about early 2013 – about 10+ ft of wingspan; “cone” at back of head)

Missouri, just west of Sparta (February of 2013 - “pterodactyl-like creature”)

Montana, Flathead Lake area (“cone or horn” at the back of its head)

New Jersey, Pinelands (summer, 2009 - “giant [bat-like] bird . . . without feathers”)

New Mexico, southeast NM (Sep 4, 2014 – apparently 18-24 ft in wingspan)

New York, western side of state (July 30, 2010 - dinosaur head; “long spade-like tail”)

North Carolina, near Asheville (HUGE black creature flew very low; no feathers)

North Carolina, in Charlotte (seen by two eyewitnesses in October of 2009)

North Carolina, Jacksonville (“about 7:20 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. on October 7th, 2010”)

North Carolina, Raleigh (seen at about 6 p.m. on June 1, 2017: brown; long tail)

North Carolina, Raleigh, south side (two sightings: in 2003 and in 2007)

Ohio, Columbia Station (spring of 2015 – four sightings and two eyewitnesses)

Ohio, Columbus (winter of 2014 - “pteradactyl . . . reddish brown with leathery skin”)

Ohio, Gahanna, suburb of Columbus (Dec 19, 2016 – two eyewitnesses)

Ohio, Louisville (huge “pterodactyl” seen in 1970, causing a bicycle accident)

Ohio, Marietta (two ropens seen by a driver in 2004 or 2005 at about 4-5 p.m.)

Ohio, Vandalia (about 1989 – girl saw, while fishing, a “pterodactyl” on a tree branch)

Ohio, Wayne County (two eyewitnesses – the creature apparently had no feathers)

Oklahoma, Broken Arrow (early in 2016 - “long tail and a ball at the end of the tail”)

Oklahoma, eastbound on I-40 (July 17, 2012 – tan-leather color – no sign of feathers)

Oklahoma, Edmond (June of 2016 – two eyewitnesses; one said, "Is that a dragon!?" )

Oklahoma, Lake Hefner (Feb 2, 2014 – bigger than eagle; wings “webbed to its body”)

Oklahoma, Oklahoma City (Sep 18, 2014 – “leathery wings and a long tail”)

Oklahoma, west of Oklahoma City (two sightings: 2015 and 2016 - “no feathers”)

Oklahoma, Tulsa (early 1980's – wingspan of 15-17 feet; “no feathers”)

Oregon, Columbia Gorge (May 29, 2010 - “brown and appeared to have no feathers”)

Oregon, Highway 84 (Sep 13, 2016 - “pterodactyl” - “a triangular shape on its tail”)

Oregon, Medford (June of 2015 - “long tail with a triangular thing on the end”)

Pennsylvania, Chalfont (2017? - “a long tail with a distinct diamond on the end of it”)

Pennsylvania, [Philadelphia](#) area (Sep 9, 2017 - long skinny tail ending in a “knob”)

Pennsylvania, Greensburg (2006 - “long horn or cone” head crest; long neck & tail)

Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh (June 16, 2014 – no feathers; tail ended in a “ball”)

Pennsylvania, Pottstown (May 5, 2016 – three children “observed a [pterosaur](#)”)

Pennsylvania, Woodland (2006 – huge creature - “long tail with a ball” at tail-end)

South Carolina, Clinton (about 1994 – five+ persons saw it – “as big as a plane”)

South Carolina, Indian land (several eyewitnesses saw a “pterodactyl”)

South Carolina, (maybe 2013 - “I saw a pterodactyl in my yard in South Carolina”)

South Carolina, Union County (Sep 20, 2014 - "DID NOT HAVE FEATHERS!")

Texas, Austin (2010 - "pointy head" - "long tail with like a triangle tip")

Texas, Dallas (Nov 20, 2010 – two persons "positive [it] [was a ropen or pterosaur](#)")

Texas, SW of Fort Worth ("small claw like hands on the front edge of the wings")

Texas, Houston, in Godwin Park (about 1982 – sighting lasted 1-2 minutes)

Texas, Houston, Klein area (about 1988 – at a school - at least two eyewitnesses)

Texas, between Houston and Nederland (April of 2017 – very large – long tail)

Texas, between Katy and Houston (about 2006 – big "Pterodactyl")

Texas, Katy (Dec 3, 2012, about 8:00 a.m. - "pterodactyl" - wingspan 6+ feet)

Texas, Irving (1970's – long tail and long beak - "claw hands on top of wings")

Texas, Irving (Oct 10, 2017 - "it had wings, head and tail similar to a pterodactyl")

Texas, Pharr, Brady Ave (about 1975 – huge "pterodactyl" - three+ eyewitnesses)

Utah, Bountiful (2011 - two "pterodactyls" - thirty-foot wingspans)

[Utah, Draper](#) (June 21, 2017 – two eyewitnesses – interviewed in person)

Utah, Draper (2017 – one eyewitness – three sightings in one night)

Utah, southeast Sandy (2017 – near Draper – friend of man who had three sightings)

Utah, Grantsville (2001 - three boys saw a gigantic flying creature at night)

Utah, Fillmore (about 1996 – three eyewitnesses of three pterodactyls)

Utah, Monticello (fall of 1957 - John Morgan saw it - "leathery wings")

Utah, Provo (summer of 2009 – two eyewitnesses – size of a small plane)

Utah, Spanish Fork (Aug 12, 2015 – two+ flying creatures – 7-10 feet wingspans)

Virginia, Goochland (about 60 miles from Lynchburg - early 2013)

Virginia, Lynchburg (mid-July of 2012 – two animals – one eyewitness)

Virginia, Lynchburg (July of 2012 – two eyewit. - “diamond or spade tipped tail”)

Virginia, Hampton (about 2002 – huge “pterodactyl”)

[Virginia, Hanover County](#) (July 5, 2015 – three eyewitnesses of a “dragon”)

Virginia, Midlothian (May 2005 - “bigger than the Cessna I normally flew”)

Virginia, Richmond (April 7, 2015 – two eyewit. - long tail with a “triangle point”)

Virginia, Rhoadesville (April 23, 2016 – no feathers - “Tail has a arrowhead shape”)

Virginia (summer of 1999 – two eyewitnesses of a gigantic flying creature at night)

Virginia, Warrenton (April 22, 2017 – not a heron or eagle or vulture)

Washington, D.C. (Oct 15, 2012: “sighting of what looked like . . . prehistoric bird”)

Washington (state) (probably Oct 30, 2011 – bat-like but with 10-15 foot wingspan)

Washington, Randle (night of July 17, 2015 – completely unlike any bird or bat)

Washington, Roy (Aug 5, 2014 – “huge wings and a long tail” - a rat-like tail)

Washington (Oct 6, 2012 - “cast a shadow as if it were a small aircraft”)

Washington (“I have seen this creature . . . as well as my boyfriend and our neighbor”)

Washington, Tacoma (before 2012 – nocturnal, giant bat wings, 4-foot wingspans)

Washington, Washougal (prob. 2015 – gigantic - “dragon” “pterodactyl”)

West Virginia (Oct-2014 – three eyewitnesses - “giant winged creature” at night)

West Virginia, Harrison County (May of 2015 – two eyewitnesses at night)

Wisconsin, southwest WI (summer of 2012 – had ropen-like tail – cats gone missing)

Wisconsin, Edgerton (1996 - “tail . . . had a bulb at the end of it”)

Wisconsin, Germantown (May 27, 2010, 5:30 a.m. - four “Pterodactyl-like birds”)

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The partial list of worldwide sighting locations was last updated November 21, 2017, and contains only a tiny fraction of references to encounters with living pterosaurs worldwide. The total number of **clear** sightings of modern pterosaurs, during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, appears to be **at least** in the tens of thousands.

The actual number of human encounters has been estimated at between 7 million and 128 million, for all the humans now living that have had some kind of encounter with a living pterosaur. That is a conservative estimate, but it includes all encounters, and many of those were brief and at night and many were not recognized as significant or involving anything unusual.

The above list does not include the earlier years of the investigation of Jonathan Whitcomb, only some of the sightings in more-recent years.

These lists are maintained and published online by Jonathan Whitcomb. To communicate with him by emails, go to [living-pterosaurs contact](#). Most of the above sightings were reported directly to Whitcomb, and some of the eyewitnesses were interviewed by him directly, often by emails. Sometimes he is able to interview one or more eyewitnesses face-to-face and at other times by telephone. Significant details on these sightings of apparent pterosaurs were recorded by Whitcomb, from 2003 through 2017, and many accounts are recorded in his nonfiction books.

## Various Points on Living Pterosaurs

One of these sightings was by the United States Marine Eskin C. Kuhn, who was stationed, with the U.S. Military, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 1971. Soon after his encounter with the two “pterodactyls,” he tried to find somebody else to see them as well, but the two flying creatures had already flown away before he could drag the sergeant out there. Nevertheless, Kuhn was able to make a drawing of them within a few minutes of the sighting. (See the top of this document, left-side sketch.)

In Western countries and cultures, the absolute extinction of all species of dinosaurs and pterosaurs is taught dogmatically and has been for generations. This makes it difficult to get professors and others to become involved and to support serious cryptozoological investigations on reports of apparent living pterosaurs. To report a sighting, please [contact Whitcomb](#). You can be completely anonymous if you desire anonymity.