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All,

Yesterday while participating in the Marshfield CBC, I learned of an American White Pelican observed in flight over the Back River in Duxbury on 22 December 2012.  While the photo is distant and of marginal quality, when zoomed in it’s clearly a pelican and one can just make out the black flight feathers.  The observer and photographer, Sam Davenport, described the bird perfectly to me and has seen lots of them before.  He even wanted to be sure I didn’t think it was a Northern Gannet, so I’m afraid it was one of those birds that just missed making the CBC on the day of the count!

Happy Holidays to all!

Wayne

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