

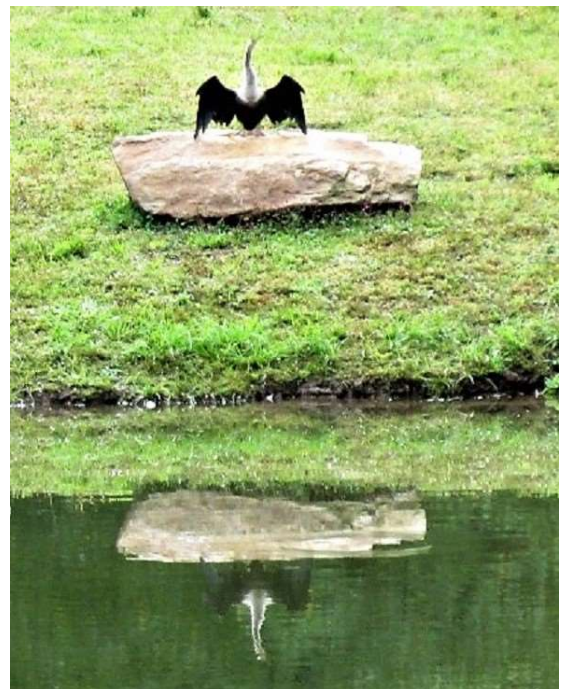
## Anhinga fishing at Sylvan Lake – finds fishing line a challenge.

A female Anhinga spent a few weeks on Sylvan Lake this fall. Aningas are sometimes called snakebird because when swimming, only the neck appears above the water and looks like a snake about to strike. Other names include water turkey and darter.

This visiting female flew into fishing line that was tangled on power/cable lines which cross the lake. The fishing line wrapped around her beak and she struggled to eat. Neighbors near the lake tried several times to net the bird so they could remove the line from her beak, but she was too wary.



The bird managed to loosen the line by scraping her beak against a rock. She was able to open her beak enough to catch a small fish. It took several more days before she finally succeeded in removing the line entirely. The fishing must have been good, as she spent another several days at the lake before moving on.



Anhinga spreads wings to dry.