

EYES TO THE SKIES

The Baby Pterosaur



Egg found in China in 2004

Mary Martha Moore Photo

The Pterosaur is a flying egg laying reptile thought to have become extinct by the end of the Cretaceous Period. From time to time claims of sighting existing Pterosaurs have been made . The very latest of the sighting was claimed by a soldier on duty at Guantanamo Bay who was watching the skyline while on guard duty.

The pterosaurs varied in size from small to 35 foot wingspan. Their bones were hollow and they bounced themselves in order to take off in flight. There were many diversified head crests and some types had fur on their bodies.

The Pterosaur should not be confused with the “Thunderbird” with is or was a giant vulture type looking bird. These are also claimed to be still be sighted. There are ancient Indian stories of the “Thunderbird”.

Here’s the scoop about the above illustration and photo. I have written the story in narrative verse:

Friday, on the sixth of June, the year two thousand three
Surely one of mystery that day would come to be.
Mary Martha Moore, sat in her living room, she said
A bird then hit her windowpane and she assumed it dead.

Outside her cat a predator, and good at what she does.
Mary went to check the ground to see what kind it was.
A fuzzy bird was lying there right in the flower bed.
She thought it was a starling, or at catbird, so she said.

But wings were strange, for after all, no feathers growing there.
The body gray and fuzzy, with what seemed to look like hair.
Back in the house to get her son, and camera too you see
She wants to get a photograph, and solve the mystery.

She picked it up. It clutched her hand. It wasn't dead at all.
Still stunned a bit from impact, and it's consequential fall.
The cat was quite determined then to try to swipe the thing.
A picture quickly captured. Oh the questions it would bring.

Mary took the cat inside, lest it find the bird.
This is how it happened if we take her on her word.
Westport New York, that afternoon, the bird then flew away.
Leaving many questions never answered to this day.

June the year two thousand, and now add on a four.
Brand new information comes knocking at the door.
Liaoning Province China, and a new discovery.
Fossil found that was an egg all gathered 'round to see.

Men out working at a dig for several months or more
Had come upon some fossils of an ancient dinosaur.
Unhatched a small Pterosaur still wrapped inside its shell.
A match to Mary's photo. No difference could you tell.

The embryo did look the same as what the photo claimed.
Alike the detail fossilized within an eggshell frame.
Mary took her photo before the egg was found.
Now pros and cons of possible were swirling 'round and 'round.

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The Explanation?



Photo Taken by Pratt in 2003

Mary Moore Photo 2003

Set to narrative verse is the quite possible discounting of Mary Martha Moore's photo on the right. The explanation involves a photo of a Silver Haired Bat taken in 2003 and located by Shane Swafford, of South Carolina. You decide.

Shane Swafford cruised the internet for info on a bat
Pratt's photo of a Silver Hair stopped him where he sat.
He suddenly remembered the tale of Mary Moore
Comparing both the photos he set upon the chore.

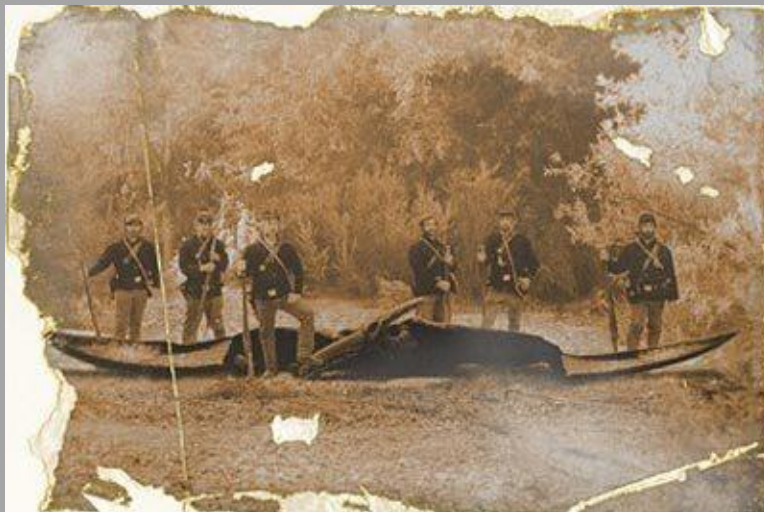
Photo flipped, tint was changed too much of it rang true
This made him think a hoax afoot as some are prone to do.
In the year two thousand and adding seven on
The story Mary Martha told was looking like a con.

Examining the details on the bat and birdie's back
Mary's photo underwent a Swafford full attack.
Photoshop is quite the tool for changing what is there.
The job was surely done it seems with quite a bit of care.

Despite his admiration for the photo as a whole
It looked to be a rework of a photo someone stole.
He wrote up his opinion that indeed it was a hoax
And left determination now to all you other folks.

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There have been other similar “civil war” photos staged and discounted as falsified but the origin and history about this particular photo has never been disclosed. Is it a Quetzacoatlus? You decide what you believe.



The truth is most of us many times are not even glancing to the skies. We are so busy watching where we are going and if the sky is not in our vision we don't think twice. In exchange for glances upward I have been rewarded.

His glide and swoop majestic, as he soared and graced the sky.

In moments unforgettable, he circled on the fly.

A great and strong reminder, of the land where I abide.

For him and for my country, I felt a surge of pride.

No Pterosaur but a Bald Eagle came into my view. Of course I waved because unfortunately my hands were free of a camera. The Bald Eagle has made a tremendous comeback from being listed as endangered. Medina NY is a nesting site. Eagles frequent all surrounding areas including my back yard.