

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

September 23, 1997

Matthew Chimenti

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Trumpeter Swan you saw at Siegel Marsh on 1 April 1995 to PORC. After careful review and much discussion, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The identification of the Trumpeter Swan was never questioned but the "wild origin" of the bird is suspect. The committee feels that eventhough this bird was not wearing a neck collar or wing tag that it more than likely originated from one of the reintroduction programs that are in progress along the Great Lake states and Ontario. From what PORC has been able to gather regarding these programs, not all birds are being tagged as they had been in the past causing even more headaches for birders. Because of the uncertain origin of this bird, the committee felt that it would be better to err on the side of caution and not accept this record.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 105-02-1995

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Trumpeter Swan (*Tachycineta bicolor*)

Date of Sighting: 1 April 1995 to 1 April 1995

Location: SIEGEL MARSH

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Matthew Chimenti

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Matthew Chimenti

Written Description: NO Photo: YES Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas					X			
N. Pulcinella					X			
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes					X			
G. McWilliams					X			
P. Schwalbe				X				
S. Feldstein						X		
TOTALS	1			1	4	1		
DECISION					X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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