

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
210 Welcome Ave. Norwood, PA 19074

29 January 2002

Mr. Aden Troyer  
Route 1 Box 575  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Dear Aden,

Thank you for submitting the record of the Trumpeter Swans at Oakland Mills on 18 April 1999. After careful review, the Committee regrets that it cannot accept this record.

The vote was two in favor of acceptance and five not in favor. Those who declined to accept it felt that some features of general appearance did indicate Trumpeters, but that a more detailed description of the bill and face was necessary to separate this species conclusively from Tundra Swan.

Non-acceptance does not imply that the bird was not a Trumpeter Swan, but only that we lacked additional details for a confident vote in favor.

We trust that this will not discourage you from submitting reports on any future rarities you find.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

For the Committee:  
Paul Hess, Chairman

Record No. 105-01-1999

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## RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: Trumpeter Swan Date of this Observation: Apr-18-99Date Found: 4-18-99 Last Date Seen: 4-18-99Location: Oakland Road 1 mile north of Oakland Mills, PaTownship/City: Fayette Twp County: JuniataPerson Writing this report: Aden TroyerAddress: Route 1 Box 525Mifflintown Pa 17059 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_Other Observers: NoneWho found the bird first: Aden Troyer

Other documentation Included: (Circle all appropriate items) (Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)

Photograph

Audio Recording

Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? \_\_\_\_\_

Description: (Attach additional pages as needed—Please do not write on back of this form)

The birds were huge swans with extremely long necks and flew with slower more powerful wing beats than Tundras. My first impression was. It's the Mutes that show up about every year in this area. But the large Solid Black Bill ruled out the Mutes. Also there was 1 Immature bird along with the 2 adults. The immature Bird appeared to be Brown (Not Grayish) with a Brown Bill not black like the adults.

The most striking field marks were there necks - It appeared they were almost twice the length of their bodies. Also the wing beats ruled out Tundras.

Another deciding factor was I'd recently seen a pair of Trumpeter Swans in North Central Ohio - where they were introduced into a wild life Area several years ago.

These birds were in sight for approx 4 minutes and were last seen flying across Shade Mtn heading North West. When first sighted they were perhaps 150-180 yds away flying broad side. Weather was cloudy with a brisk south west wind.

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Ballot - Round One**

Species: Trumpeter Swan (*Tachycineta bicolor*)

Date of Sighting: 18 April 1999 to 18 April 1999

Location: OAKLAND MILLS

County: JUNIATA

Observer(s): Aden Troyer

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Aden Troyer

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

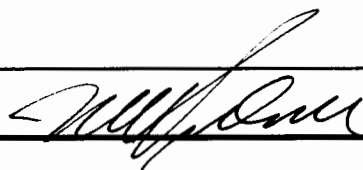
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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G. Armistead							X	
D. Couchman					X			
P. Hess							X	
R. Ickes					X			
B. Reid					X			
P. Rodewald					X			
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS				1	4		2	
DECISION					X			

Comments: 0/7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 3/14/01