

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

September 23, 1997

Bernie Morris
4324 Glenwood Drive
Emmaus, PA 18049

Dear Bernie,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Swainson's Hawk you saw in Williams Township, Northampton County on 8 October 1995 to P.O.R.C. This record circulated the committee for two rounds and after careful review and much discussion, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. There was concern within the committee that the description submitted did not contain enough detail to convincingly describe a Swainson's Hawk. Some members felt the documentation lacked specific details regarding color of the underparts and the absence or presence of streaking on the belly and that the description of the underwing pattern was confusing.

This of course, does not mean the bird was not a Swainson's Hawk, merely, that the record is not beyond reasonable doubt for acceptance

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 # 186-01-1995

P.S. If it is any consolation, I voted for acceptance of this record both times.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)

Date of Sighting: 8 October 1995 to 8 October 1995

Location: WILLIAMS TWP

County: NORTHAMPTON

Observer(s): Bernard Morris

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Bernard Morris

Written Description: YES Photo: NO 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			5	1		1		
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *J. Haas*

Date: 2-22-97

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni)**

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DECISION								

Comments: *Send for Second Round*

Signature (Secretary): *F. C. Haas* Date: *5-1-96*