

SANDHILL CRANE



Picture taken 3/11 97 Menses Mills York Co.

DAILY RECORD / BIL BOWDEN

248-03-1997 Apr 17, 97

Sandhill Crane

I'm sure others will submit reports of this bird but I would like to add my confirmation.

1st Observer Ben Lease - 7 other birders also saw it on the first day. I saw it 4 days. I know of no one who visited the area who did not see it.

Dates Apr 8-27 1997. There is only one other record for York Co. Rev. Jay Arnold saw one in a field in Nov 1956. This could be a first state record.

Location - Wetlands near Menges Mills York Co. near Spring Grove. Formally this was an area normally wet but water was diverted and small islands were formed most with low growth surrounded by shallow water. It can only be accessed from along the main road as area is posted. A few blinds & duck hunting are allowed.

Picture - Taken by staff photographer with 1000MM lens.

Other habits - It was seen feeding both on land & in the water. One night at 5 it flew to a more secluded area, possibly for the night. On the 23rd it took flight circled for a short while.

and landed in a different area. I thought it might be leaving.

I would assume that this picture to be conclusive enough that I don't have to duplicate what this picture shows. If more is needed let me know.

More about this area: Most surface feeding ducks visit here sometime during the year. There was a Great Egret Mar 22 a new early county record. Some diving ducks, grebes & shore birds can be seen for short periods of time. Last year our best bird was a Glossy Ibis

Al Spier

PS On Apr 8 Ramsay Houry of Camp Hill saw a Eurasian Wigeon along with 35 Am. Wigeon at Hifford Pinchot SP. I wrote to try to get him to submit a report

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis*)
 Date of Sighting: 8 April 1997 to 27 April 1997
 Location: MENGES MILLS
 County: YORK
 Observer(s): Al Speise
 Date of Submission: 1997
 Submitted by: Al Speise
 Written Description: YES Photo: YES Specimen: NO Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
K. Parkes	X							
R. Ickes	X							
P. Hess	X							
J. McWilliams	X							
T. Floyd	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *F C Haas* Date: *4-19-99*

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Submitted by: Al Speise

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Photo: YES

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Committee Member: Franklin Haas

VOTE: (Circle one)

Class I (P)(S)(R)

Class II

Class III

ABSTAIN

Class IV

Class V-A

Class V-B

Class V-C

Comments:

Member Signature:

F. C. Haas

Date:

6-18-98

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Committee Member: Paul Schwalbe

VOTE: (Circle one)

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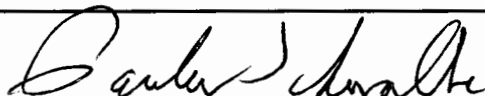
Class V-B

Class V-C

Comments:

Vote is Class I-P

Member Signature:



Date:



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Committee Member: Kenneth Parkes

VOTE: (Circle one)

Class I (P)(S)(R)

Class II

Class III

ABSTAIN

Class IV

Class V-A

Class V-B

Class V-C

Comments: *none*

Member Signature:



Date: *6/30/98*

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Recording: NONE

Committee Member: Roy Ickes

VOTE: (Circle one)

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Class II

Class III

ABSTAIN

Class IV

Class V-A

Class V-B

Class V-C

Comments:

Member Signature:

Roy A. Ickes

Date:

7/3/98

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Observer(s): Al Speise

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Al Speise

Written Description: YES

Photo: YES

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Committee Member: Paul Hess

VOTE: (Circle one)

 Class I (P)(S)(R) Class II Class III ABSTAIN Class IV Class V-A Class V-B Class V-C

Comments:

Photo shows diagnostic features

*NOTE: The dates were in March,
according to Pa. Birds -- not April,
as Al Speise's letter says.*

Paul Hess

7/10/98

Member Signature:

Date:

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Photo: YES

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Committee Member: Jerry McWilliams

VOTE: (Circle one)

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Class II

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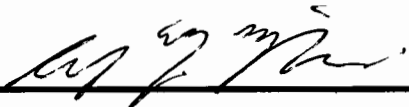
Class V-A

Class V-B

Class V-C

Comments:

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Date:

11/7/98

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Recording: NONE

Committee Member: Ted Floyd

VOTE: (Circle one)

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Class V-B

Class V-C

Comments: *Clearly a photograph of Grus canadensis.*

Member Signature: *Ted Floyd*

Date: *6 Oct. 1998*