

Pennsylvania Rare Bird Report Form

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Fill in all relevant fields and then click on the "Submit by Email" button at the end of the form to send it to the PORC Secretary. Or print the form and mail it to the PORC Secretary (see address below).

NOTE: The fields scroll down as you type to permit as much text as needed.
The **RESET** button clears all of the fields if you wish to start over with a blank form.

Species (Common and Scientific Name):

Subspecies, if known

Number of individuals Sex(es)

Age(s) and Plumage(s) (E.g. Immature; Adult in Breeding Plumage; Year for Gulls; Basic or Alternate If You Prefer Those Terms; State of Molt If Applicable):

Date and Time of Observation

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)

Observer Reporting:

Name

Address State Zip

E-mail (Optional)

Phone (Optional)

Other Observers (Only Those Who Saw and Identified the Bird with You):

Habitat (E.g. Mowed Field, Woodland Edge, Any other details)

Distance to Bird (Specify feet, yards, etc.)

Viewing Conditions (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you)

Optical Equipment Used

Description (include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; “jizz”= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

There was little to doubt that these birds were members of the family Psittacidae due to the pointed wings, long tails, distinct nut-cracking beak, bright green color, and vocalizations. The birds were roughly similar in length to the Mourning Doves hanging out in the alley, although the parakeets were thinner than the doves. The back of the head, back, most of the wings, and lower portion of the underside were bright green. When sitting, the primary feathers were clearly bright blue. However, when the bird flew, more blue was visible, but was hard to determine where the blue was exactly due to the speedy nature of these birds in flight. The forehead of the birds was grayish, and throat and breast feathers were lighter in coloration, approaching a whitish color. The beak on each bird was pinkish orange. The legs were gray. When the bird sat on the powerline or tree branch, the posture was upright.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

For much of the time at the site, the birds stayed in the nest. Although they were hidden, the distinctive "screet" calls and some small clucking noises could be heard. Then, one bird poked its head out of the nest and looked around. It slowly crawled out part of the way, flew out of the nest, landed on a powerline, and then flew to a dead tree in the backyard of one of the nearby houses. This is where the bird sat long enough for me to photograph it. From here, the bird flew into a group of Norway spruces and disappeared. For several minutes, the bird in the spruces would call and the bird still within the nest would peek out and call back.

Vocalizations

Supporting evidence if any: (Check all that apply)

- Photograph Video Recording Audio Recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name

Address

City State Zip

E-mail (Optional)

Phone (Optional)

Please send a copy of the photograph, drawing, or recording to:

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
613 Howard Ave.
West Chester, Pa 19380
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If this is a dead bird:

General Condition

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Previous experience with this and/or similar species

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

References Consulted:

During Observation

After Observation

Date of this Report: (Click on the box and select date from calendar)





