

P. O. Box 482 124 N. Stephen Place Hanover, PA 17331 15 August 2000

463-01-2000

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee c/o Nick Pulcinella 210 Welcome Avenue Norwood, Pennsylvania 19074

Dear PORC:

The following report is based upon my own notes made at the time observation:

Species:

Chuck-will's-widow

Date/Time:

31 May 2000, 8:00 PM > 9:30 PM

Location:

Lower Bucks County, PA. Small road off Rt. 413 (about 100 yards from Bristol PA >

Burlington NJ bridge) that runs about 1 mile along the Delaware River to a dead end.

Weather:

Optics:

Leica Ultra 12 X 50 Binoculars

Camera:

Cannon ES3000 high resolution 8 mm video camera with 20 power optical zoom.

Observations:

On May 30 the PA Birds Listserve reported that a Chuck-will's-widow had been found at this location on May 13 during the North American Migration Count.

On May 31 I drove to the end of this dead-end road at dusk, turned around, drove about 150 yards back, and stopped the car to listen. After a few minutes the C-w-w began calling loudly, close to the car, about 25 to 30 feet away. It was doing the typical C-w-w call. I used the video camera to record the calling of the C-w-w, then actually saw the bird fly across the road. The bird appeared to be the right size and shape for a C-w-w, but it was too dark to see anything else about it..

Please see and listen to the video tape on the enclosed tape cassette, which picked up the calling of the C-w-w "loud & clear".

Sincerely,

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Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Chuck-will's-widow (Caprimulgus carolinensis)

Date of Sighting: 13 May 2000 to 31 May 2000

Location: BRISTOL County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Gerry Dewaghe, Devich Farbotnik, Peter Robinson

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Devich Farbotnik, Peter Robinson

Written Description: No Photo: Yes Specimen: No Recording: Video

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Signature (Secretary): Date: 11/20/01