

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. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Chuck-wills-widow Caprimulgus carolinensis
Subspecies, if known

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) Male?

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): Adult

DATE OF OBSERVATION May 13, 2008 TIME 9:30PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Tamaqua, Walker Twp.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) 1442 Valley Road

OBSERVER REPORTING
Name Joseph A. Lankalis
Address 1442 Valley Road
City Tamaqua, PA 18252
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): None

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) on silver maple tree in garden on suburban area.

DISTANCE TO BIRD about 300 feet

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Clear night; calm

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED None

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): No visual contact; audio only
Bird was heard calling again far away on mountain top at 11PM

I only ever heard a CWW make one call. I paced off the distance I heard the bird -- 90 paces. I only ever heard a WPW make one call, too. I have several times found nests of nighthawks. Once a chased a WPW from its nest on Staten Island. I could not find the nest. I found a CWW nest in Jasper County, SC. The parents of all these birds were silent.

The call I heard in my garden was chuck-WILLS-widow. It called for ~2 minutes. I could not believe it nor mistake it. I have been listening for it since. No luck.

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

VOCALIZATIONS Bird called for about 2 minutes in garden

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

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: _____

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I've heard this bird many times in South Carolina. I have even seen it and photographed a nest with one egg and one chick.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ? (why or why not) Very positive

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation _____

After observation _____

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 5/17/08

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Joseph A. Lankalis

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Chuck-will's widow Caprimulgus carolinensis

Date of Sighting: 13 May 2008 to 13 May 2008

County : SCHUYLKILL

Location : TAMAQUA

Observer(s): Joseph Lankalis

Date of Submission: 2008

Submitted by: Joseph Lankalis

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

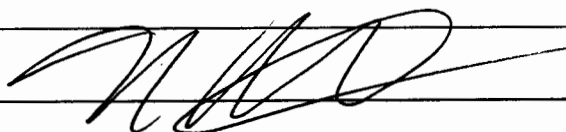
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
A. Guarente				X				
T. Johnson			X					
B. Coulter			X					
E. Witmer					X			
J. Heller					X			
G. Malosh			X					
TOTALS			4	1	2			
DECISION								

Comments: 4/3 Go to 2nd Round

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

8/30/08