

## Pennsylvania Rare Bird Report Form

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Species (Common and Scientific Name):

Chuck-wills-widow (

Subspecies, if known

N/A

Number of individuals Sex(es)

1 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):

Age unknown

Date and Time of Observation

14 and 17 Jun 2010

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA, Union Township

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

Tomstown Road near Neuins Lane, Training Area B-09B

### Observer Reporting:

Name

David McNaughton

Address State Zip

Ft. Indiantown Gap, Bldg. 11-19 Utility Rd., Annville, PA 17003

E-mail (Optional)

davmcnaugh@state.pa.us

Phone (Optional)

717-861-8408

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

Jarrod Derr, Bruce Carl, Joe Hovis, Nick Hoffman, Emily Boyd, Kyle Stankus, Mike Epler, Richard and Carol Light, others.

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

Woodland edge/old timber harvest with renewed brush clearing in 2009

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

10 yards

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

Dusk/night - no clear sight of bird

Optical Equipment Used

N/A

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):

Song clearly "Chuck-wills-widow" repeated loudly for 30 minutes each time. Bird was heard against whip-poor-wills also singing in the area and clearly had a different pattern. Habitat correct for either nightjar species breeding and foraging habitat.

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

Bird singing just past dusk (9:15 p.m.) within 10 yards of the road. Held daylight surveys but could not locate bird and did not disturb with call or proximity. Relocated the bird at dusk without audio equipment in the exact location of the surveys. Other crew did see the bird disturbed by a dump truck during daylight hours - see Jarrod Derr, Emily Boyd, or Kyle Stankus' accounts, but I was not present. Both observations where I was present followed a similar pattern: the c-w-w sang from the roadside some time after the start of the whip-poor-will songs and eventually moved northward toward calling whip-poor-wills. Eventually the bird returned to the original location and continued to sing, having made a looped transit from and back to our position.

Bird was originally reported through Deuane Hoffman from Jerry Howard. He originally had the bird along Range Road in Range 5A during a marksmanship contest on 5 June. I performed two follow up surveys from the range berm during the next week using audio recordings, but did not reconfirm the chuck-wills. The next report came from the north of Blue Mountain on Tomstown Road on 12 June. No evidence has been found to suggest a second bird in the area. The most recent documented record comes from an email from Tim Becker dated 1 July, but I believe the bird is still in the same location.

Vocalizations

"chuck-wills-widow" repeated again and again

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  
Nickpulcinella@comcast.net

**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)

Whippoorwills were also singing and not using any similar pattern. Bird located on the ground eliminating odd owl calls or anything else possible. Unique song.

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

Previous experience with this and/or similar species

We have a very large population of whip-poor-wills on post and are very familiar with them. Also have tried audio surveys for chuck-wills on post during the 2nd PBBA.

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

Yes. Simply a completely different song from anything else in the woods.

**References Consulted:**

During Observation

N/A

After Observation

All About Birds.org, Sibleys Eastern Guide, Stokely's audio, and 1st Breeding Bird Atlas book

Date of this Report:

Jul 7, 2010

(Click on the box and select date from calendar)

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Chuck-will's-widow, *Caprimulgus carolinensis*

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Age unknown

Date and Time of Observation

June 14, 2010. 2115 hours

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA, Union Township

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

Tomstown Road near Neuins Lane, Training Area B-09B

### Observer Reporting:

Name

Kyle Stankus

Address State Zip

Ft. Indiantown Gap, Bldg. 11-19 Utility Rd., Annville, PA 17003

E-mail (Optional)

c-kstankus@state.pa.us

Phone (Optional)

717-861-2341

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

David McNaughton, Nick Hoffman, Emily Boyd, others.

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

Forest edge, field edge, early successional forest scrubland

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

20 yards

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

Clear weather condition, no wind, dusk/night

Optical Equipment Used

Sony Cyber-shot DSC-H7, video taken but only for the audio

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):

Bird not seen

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

The bird started singing at 2110 hours, just before dark. It sang almost continuously until we left at approximately 2140 hours. The video I took was taken at 2115 hours.

Vocalizations

"chuck-will's-widow" repeated almost continuously

Supporting evidence if any: (Check all that apply)

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Date of this Report:

Whip-poor-wills were singing in the background but were clearly distinguishable from the Chuck-will's-widow.

Whip-poor-wills can be heard in numbers any night in the spring and early summer at Ft. Indiantown Gap. I hear many Whip-poor-wills every year.

Yes. The song sung was completely different from anything else, and matched the Chuck-will's-widow song described by every source.

N/A

All About Birds.org, Sibleys Eastern Guide

7 July 2010

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E-mail davmcnaugh@state.pa.us

Phone 717-861-8408

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Habitat: Woodland edge/old timber harvest with renewed brush clearing in 2009

Distance to Bird: 10 yards

Viewing Conditions: Dusk/night - no clear sight of bird

Optical Equipment Used: N/A

Description: Song clearly "Chuck-wills-widow" repeated loudly for 30 minutes each time. Bird was heard against whip-poor-wills also singing in the area and clearly had a different pattern. Habitat correct for either nightjar species breeding and foraging habitat.

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Date of this Report: Jul 7, 2010



## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Chuck-will's widow      *Caprimulgus carolinensis*

Date of Sighting: 6 June 2010 to 20 September 2010

County : LEBANON

Location : FORT INDIANTOWN GAP

Observer(s): Jerry Howard, multiple observers

Date of Submission: 2010

Submitted by: Gary Kinkley, Ed Bellion, John Puschock, David McNaughton

Written Description: No

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: Audio

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. DeReamus								
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)

Nick Pulcinella

Date:

1/30/11