

# 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):

Chuck-will's-widow ( *Caprimulgus carolinensis* )

Subspecies, if known

Number of individuals Sex(es)

one

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

multiple for 2011: May 1,6,21; June 8,17; July 1,16

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Fort Indiantown Gap, Union Township, Lebanon County

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

Tomstown Road

## Observer Reporting:

Name

Timothy Becker

Address State Zip

10283 Jonestown Rd, Grantville, Pa, 17028

E-mail (Optional)

tjbecker81@aol.com

Phone (Optional)

717-919-3716

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

Kathy Becker

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

Sparse woodland that had been selectively cut and maintained to create many openings. Mostly hardwoods and pine. Perfect habitat for the large Whip-poor-

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

from 10 to 200 yards de

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

dusk and sunset

Optical Equipment Used

heard only this year

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):

Identified only by call

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

Would begin calling from it's roost at dusk for a period of several minutes. During periods of silence it would relocate and begin calling again

Vocalizations

A five syllable call with the emphasis on the second and third syllables. Sounds

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@verizon.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)

The numerous Whip-poor-wills in the area have a three syllable call with the emphasis on the last syllable: "whip-poor-WILL

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

This is probably a returning bird which was well documented in this area last year. It was last reported this year on 8/7 by Matthew Sabatine as reported on Pa ebird.

Previous experience with this and/or similar species

Numerous visits to hear, and on several occasions see the bird in 2010.

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

Yes. Call very unique

**References Consulted:**

During Observation

none

After Observation

In 2010 listened to recordings online after I suspected hearing one on a trip to the area

Date of this Report:

Sep 11, 2011

(Click on the box and select date from calendar)

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**Number of individuals Sex(es)** one

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**Location** Fort Indiantown Gap, Union Township, Lebanon County

**Exact Site** Tomstown Road

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

**Habitat** Sparse woodland that had been selectively cut and maintained to create many openings. Mostly hardwoods and pine. Perfect habitat for the large Whip-poor-will population also in the area.

**Distance to Bird** from 10 to 200 yards depending on the night

**Viewing Conditions** dusk and sunset

**Optical Equipment Used** heard only this year

**Description:** Identified only by call

**Behavior** Would begin calling from it's roost at dusk for a period of several minutes. During periods of silence it would relocate and begin calling again

**Vocalizations** A five syllable call with the emphasis on the second and third syllables. Sounds like:"chuck-WIDOW-widow

**Separation from similar species** The numerous Whip-poor-wills in the area have a three syllable call with the emphasis on the last syllable: "whip-poor-WILL

**Discussion:** This is probably a returning bird which was well documented in this area last year. It was last reported this year on 8/7 by Matthew Sabatine as reported on Pa ebird.

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**Are you positive of your identification ?** Yes. Call very unique

**References Consulted:**

**During Observation** none

**After Observation** In 2010 listened to recordings online after I suspected hearing one on a trip to the area targeting Whip-poor-wills

**Date of this Report:** 9/11/11

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation – Round One**

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

Date of Sighting: 1 May 2011 to 16 July 2011

County : LEBANON

Location : FORT INDIANTOWN GAP

Observer(s): Timothy Becker, m.obs

Date of Submission: 2011

Submitted by: Timothy Becker, Gary Kinkley

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: Yes

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. DeReamus	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
R. Koury	X							
D. Weber	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) Nick Pulcinella

Date: 7/11/12