

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	Street Address: 8670 Presidents Drive City: Hummelstown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17036 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Paul Dennehy
Species (Common Name)	Chuck-will's-widow
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Presumed adult male
Observation Date and Time	6-17-2015 9:30 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S24111708
County	Lebanon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Fort Indiantown Gap
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Tomstown Rd, Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.464016, -76.600862
Habitat	Edge habitat between mixed oak/maple forest and short grass native meadow
Distance to bird	50 feet
Viewing conditions	Nocturnal observation. Heard only.
Optical equipment used	None
Description	Heard only. Called several times between 9:30 and 11:00 pm. Call was very typical of species. "Chuck will's widow" repeated often from the edge of the forest. At one point the bird moved from the south side of the clearing to the north side and continued calling.

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

Heard calling several times after sundown. Stopped calling around 11pm. At one point the bird moved from the south side of the clearing to the north side and continued calling.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The call was characteristic of a nightjar species. The only other nightjar with a similar call in the region is the Eastern Whip-poor-will. Several EWPWs were also calling with the CWWI at this location so separation of species was very obvious.

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

Heard calling from April 29th through July 3rd, 2015 by 18 other observers. A Chuck-will's-widow has been heard calling at this location every summer since 2010. It is presumed to be the same individual returning to its breeding ground each summer.

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

Yes, I am positive of this sighting. I have heard several Chuck-will's-widows before, including presumably the same individual at the same location in 2010.

During

None

After

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