

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

September 25, 1997

Ellen Short
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Dear Ellen,

Thank you for submitting photographs on the Rufous Hummingbird you saw in Landenburg, Chester County on 25 August 1995 to P.O.R.C. This record circulated the committee two times and after careful review and discussion, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. Though there is a strong possibility that this bird was a Rufous, the committee was concerned that none of the photographs submitted by Denis Quinn show a clear view of the bird's back, thus it was difficult to positively eliminate the much rarer Allen's Hummingbird. This report would have benefited from an accompanying written description of the birds plumage.

This of course, does not mean the bird was not a Rufous Hummingbird, merely, that the record is not beyond reasonable doubt for acceptance

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 495-01-1995
cc. Denis Quinn



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

Date of Sighting: 25 August 1995 to 25 August 1995

Location: LANDENBURG

County: CHESTER

Observer(s): Denis Quinn

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Ellen Short

Written Description: NO Photo: YES Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
N. Pulcinella	X		X					
E. Kwater	X		X					
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe						X		
S. Feldstein	X							
TOTALS	5			1		1		
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *F C Haas*

Date: 2-22-97

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus)**

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Observer(s): **Denis Quinn**

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TOTALS	5			1		1		
DECISION								

Comments: *Send for second Round.*

Signature (Secretary): *J C Haas*

Date: *5-1-96*