

Mr James Hill, III
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July 11, 2010

James,

Thank you for your resubmission of your sighting of the American Three-toed Woodpecker in Presque Isle, Erie, Pa from December 15, 1974. The Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee appreciates the time and labor involved in submitting your record.

After three rounds of voting, the sighting was unfortunately not accepted. Although the committee members felt that the bird could have been an American Three-toed Woodpecker and they agree it is a very compelling report, they still feel there are some inconsistencies as noted by the earlier committees.

Thanks again for your report and please don't let this discourage you from future submissions. The committee depends on reports like yours to further the knowledge of Pennsylvania ornithological studies.

Sincerely,

Al Guarente
Chairman

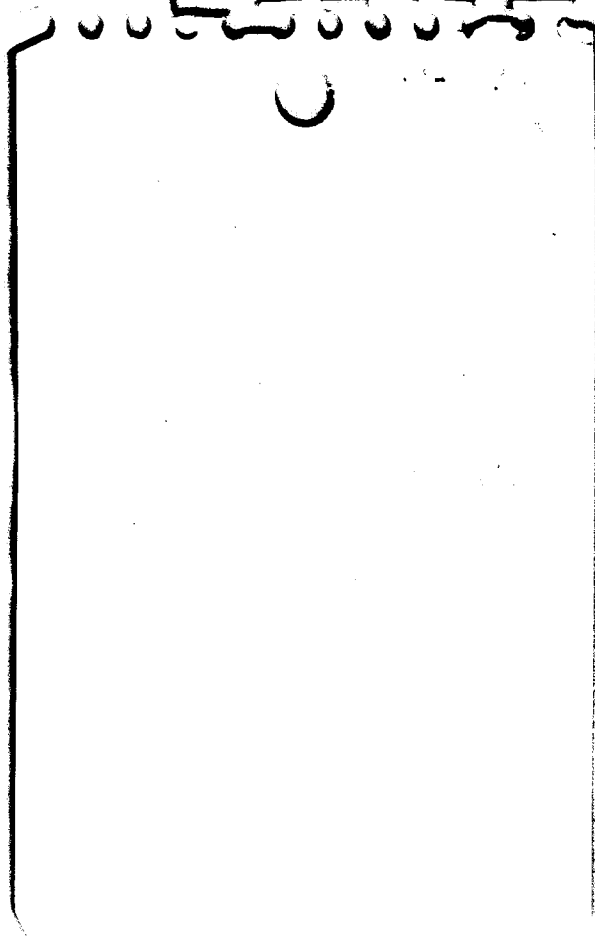
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3-toed woodpecker, 520-01-1974
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12/15/74

Observers: Jamie Hill, John Borland, Don Snyder

Below are most of the notes I made at that time.

It was 45 ft. up in a dead or dying Sarch. We studied it with 7x35 binocs and 20x scope for 15 minutes (at leisure) from a distance of 75 or 80 feet. It remained working there when we left.

It had 3-toes on the right foot; a ladder back (slightly ruffled); two white patches on the back of the head, with a few scattered black feathers (or these dark feathers could have been lower barbs of white feathers); about 10 primary wing feathers barred; thin white line through the eye, not connected to the white patches; black cap, barred sides; and it appeared to have a little bit of yellow ^{on} (at) the base of the lower mandible.

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Voting Tabulation - Round #2 of 2

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E. Kwater			X				
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G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner							X
P. Schwalbe							X
TOTALS			4				3
DECISION							X

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

B. Haas

Date:

8-15-91

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TOTALS			5				2
DECISION							

Comments: *Send for Second Round*

Signature (Secretary):

B. Haas

Date:

3-24-91