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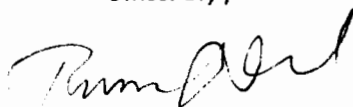
A most unusual bird, a Three-toed Woodpecker (Picoides tridactylus), was sighted on 3 separate occasions by 3 different people. It was first spotted on the summit by Tim Fox on Nov. 22, than again on Nov. 23 by Sally Dick. The summit is characterized by short shrubby trees, many are dead from Gypsy moth infestations. The bird was an adult male with: (1) yellow crown (2) "ladder" back, (3) dark uniform wings-coverts and secondaries (4) bars on side and flank (5) similar in size to a Hairy Woodpecker. Tim only saw the birds profile, once on a shrub and than the opposite profile on a cherry tree, he focused on the yellow crown and saw the flank and side stripes. Sally Dick saw the bird on the morning of Nov. 23. It was a crystal clear day with few hawks flying. With the sun at her back she saw this bird at a distance of 20 feet in a dead snag approximately 15 feet from the ground. She saw the entire bird with side and flank strips, dark wings without spots, yellow crown and ladder back. Sally also mentioned the bird was tame/approachable and lingered for several minutes without any appreciable position change.

I might add we think that another hawk counter by the name of Kevin Georg, who was unaware that this bird was sighted, may have seen this bird 4 days later. At that time he was scrambling around watching what he called an unusual woodpecker at some distance flying in and around shrubs--he saw only the ladder back and barred sides. Eventually the bird left. He was not sure of what he saw since he only saw scattered glimpses, he only knew it was unusual and he quickly returned to the reason he was there and that was counting Golden Eagles.

The first Pine Siskins, a flock of two hundred birds, made their appearance on 10/25. Since that time many siskin flocks have been spotted but very few of these birds as of this writing have settled at feeders. The first Evening Grosbeaks, a flock of 32, passed by the summit on 11/15. In general Siskins seem very common this year with Evening Grosbeaks present in fair numbers.

OBSERVERS: Thomas Dick, 1003 Eisenhower Blvd., Johnstown, Pa. 15904 (814-266-2654)  
Sally Dick, Tim Fox, Kevin Georg, Ruth Sager

Sincerely,



Thomas Dick

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round #2 of 2

Species: Three-toed Woodpecker

Date of Sighting: 11-22-87 + 11-23-87

Observer(s): Tom Dick, Solly Dick

Date of Submission: 1989

Submitted by: Tom Dick

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas				X			
F. Haas			<del>XXXX</del>				X
R. Leberman			X				
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe				X			
TOTALS			2	4			1

DECISION Not Accepted

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *B. Haas*

Date: 12-26-89

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round #1 of 2**

**Species: Three-toed Woodpecker**

**Date of Sighting: 11/22/87 - 11/23/87**

**Observer(s): Tom Dick, Sally Dick**

**Date of Submission: 1989**

**Submitted by: Tom Dick**

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R. Leberman		X					
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe			X				
<b>TOTALS</b>		1	3	1			2
<b>DECISION</b>				—————	—————	—————	

**Comments:**

**Signature (Secretary):**

**Date:**