

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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613 Howard Ave.
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520-01-2006

SPECIES (common and scientific name) NORTHERN THREE TOED WOODPECKER
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) MALE

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): ADULT

DATE OF OBSERVATION 7-6-06 TIME P.M.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) CHALK HILL PA, WHARTON TWP. 15421

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) OUR BACK YARD

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name FRED CAPENOS
Address BOX 227
City CHALK HILL State PA ZIP 15421
e-mail (optional) CAPTAINOSS@YAHOO.COM phone (optional) 724 438 1027

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): ALETA GRUBISH
PALE SALADA SUSAN SALADA

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) ON A LOW STUMP; ALONG A ROW OF SPRUCE TREES THAT BORDER OUR YARD

DISTANCE TO BIRD 30 FT

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) CLEAR - OVER HEAD

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED 10X25 BINOCULARS

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):

ABOUT AS BIG AS THE HAIRY, YELLOW CAP, 3 TOES
HORIZONTAL STRIPES ON BACK

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) PECKING AND EATING
ON A STUMP THAT IS CUT FLUSH WITH THE GROUND

VOCALIZATIONS NONE

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph N/A Video recording N/A Audio recording N/A Drawing N/A
Photographer/recorder/illustrator:
Name _____
Address N/A _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition N/A
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

COMPARISON OF PICTURES IN R.T. PETERSON'S BOOK

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

~~SEE~~ SEE ATTACHED NOTES

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES MANV SIGHTINGS OF Hairy Downey,
RED, BELUED, REDHEADS, AND PILATED WOOD PECKERS,

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ? (why or why not) YES. TOO MANY SHARP MINDS,
AND EYES. AGREE THAT THIS BIRD IS AS SHOWN IN PETERSON'S
BOOK AS A NORTHERN THREE TOE. (I WOULD STAKE MY LIFE ON IT)

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation RODGER TROY PETERSON
After observation _____

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 1-12-07

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Shed Cooper

520-01-2006

On July 6, 2006 Dale and Susan Salada of Perryopolis, Pennsylvania visited Fred Capenos and Aleta Grubish at their home located at 324 Washington Trail, in Deer Lake, at Chalk Hill, Pennsylvania. During their visit we were sitting on the back porch and we noticed a bird pecking on a tree stump located 32 feet away. At first we assumed it was a hairy woodpecker when Fred made the observation that he had never seen a hairy woodpecker feeding on the ground. We always keep our Peterson's Field Guide and a pair of binoculars on our back porch to watch our birds and to record the birds that visit our back yard since we moved here in 2001 (so far, we have identified 42 birds--the list is enclosed). Then someone asked shouldn't the bird have a red spot on it--so we looked in our bird book (a copy of the page we looked at is enclosed) we noticed it had a yellow patch that was more on top of his head than toward the back as the red on a hairy or downy. We four were in total agreement that the bird we saw was the Northern 3 toed woodpecker...there was no doubt..we matched the 3 toes and the yellow patch on his head definitely eliminating the hairy or the downy. We also noted the horizontal bars on the front and back.


We were aware that this was a new bird for us so Dale got his camera but then the bird flushed behind a row of spruce trees that line our yard. Dale then crawled back into the brush to get a picture but after about 15 minutes he came out and informed us he couldn't get the picture. Thinking back we knew that it wasn't a downy or a hairy, it just didn't look right...so to us it was just a new bird to add to our list..we were all convinced that the bird we saw was the Northern 3 toed woodpecker and we wrote that on our list of birds.

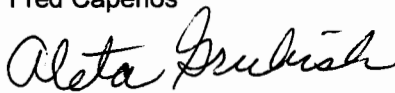
The bird ate on the tree stump for several minutes before he left the tree stump. We were sitting on our porch which is the same level as the tree stump 32 feet away with a clear unobstructed view. The weather was nice and warm and it was in the middle of the afternoon.

We knew we saw an unusual bird that none of us had ever seen before but we didn't know the significance of this event until we talked to the audubon society which we called to request information with regard to a Baltimore oriole that is living in our backyard. We didn't know if we should feed the oriole or not and we received great advice. He is still here on January 12, 2007 and he gets mealworms, grape jelly and an orange...he is a good eater so we will continue to feed and enjoy him as long as possible.

We have sent a copy of the Bird Report form to Dale and Susan Salada to report their version as they recall the events. We have not coached each other in any way. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 724-438-1027 and we will try to answer to the best of our ability.

Respectfully,


Fred Capenos


Aleta Grubish

1 NUTHATCH

2 TITMOUSE

3 CHICKADEE

4 PURPLE FINCH

5 HOUSE FINCH

6 WREN?

7 CAT BIRD

8 MOCKING BIRD

9 ROBIN

10 DOWNY WOODPECKER

11 HAIRY " "

12 PILEATED " "

13 RED BELLED " "

14 FLICKER

15 BLUE JAY

16 STARLING

17 SPARROW - CHIPPING

18 CARDINAL

19 TOWHEE

OUR YARD. AT
DEER LAKE

ON THE LAKE:

OSPREY
CATTLE EGGET
KING FISHER

~~21 ORIOLE~~

22 HUMMING BIRD

23 BLUE BIRD

24 RED WING BLACK BIRDS

25 EVENING GROSBEAK

26 FOX SPARROW

27 BROWN HEADED COW BIRD

28 CROWS

29 INDIGO BUNTING

30 AMERICAN GOLD FINCH

31 ROSE BRESTED GROSBEAK

32 BALTIMORE ORIOLE

33 RED HEADED WOOD PECKER

34 CEDAR WAX WING

35 PIGEON

36 GROUSE

37 WHITE THROATED SPARROW

38 SCARLET TANGER

MALE + FEMALE

40 Brown Thrasher

41 Chimney Swift

42 Bobwhites - Quail
male + female

43 Winter Wren

43 THREE TOED NORTHERN
WOOD PECKER (7.16-06)

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Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) MALE

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): Adult - back barred black + white wings mostly black away elbow spot on head

DATE OF OBSERVATION 7/8/06 TIME Early Afternoon

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Wharton Twp Fayette County PA

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Deer Lake, Chalk Hill, PA Residence of Fred Capenas

OBSERVER REPORTING:
Name Dale Solider
Address 240 Cope Rd
City Perryopolis State PA ZIP 15473
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Susan Solider, Fred Capenas, A et al Rubish

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Coniferous tree lined back yard

DISTANCE TO BIRD 33 ft.

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Clear overhead sun

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED binoculars + attempted to photograph with digital camera

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): 1st observed on stump, flesh to size of adult. Similar body shape to hairy woodpecker but slightly smaller in size. distinct feature was yellow markings on the top of head. coloration as described above in plumage. Did not note foot characteristics

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

Peckings on Stumps
Moved to approximately 20 feet to trunk of small
spruce tree and was picking bark off of it. Then
flew into the woods and I pursued & attempted
to photograph it. Unfortunately I could not
get the shot.

VOCALIZATIONS: none noticeable

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY: NA

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD: NA

General condition _____
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) The yellow on head
& mostly black wings.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: The
number of people actually see it. Date was
only 10 feet or so from the bird when attempting to
photograph it.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES We know and have
seen many downy & hairy woodpeckers

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes - we have never
seen anything like it in our lives

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation _____
After observation Peterson's field guide + National Audubon
Society field guide

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 1/13/07

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER (s) [Signature] Dusa Salado

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: American Three-toed Woodpecker Picoides tridactylus

Date of Sighting: 6 July 2006 to 6 July 2006

Location: CHALK HILL

County : FAYETTE

Observer(s): Fred Capenos, Aleta Grubish, D. Salada

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Fred Capenos, Aleta Grubish, D. Salada

Written Description: No

Photo: No

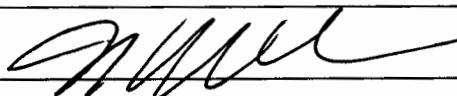
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut		X						
A. Guarente					X			
T. Johnson						X		
J. Stanley								
E. Witmer					X			
J. Heller						X		
G. Malosh						X		
TOTALS		1			2	3		
DECISION						X		

Comments: 1/5

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/20/07