

8 June 1994

Gloria Bickel
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Dear Gloria,

Thank you for sending documentation on the Bewick's Wren at Tuscarora State Forest on 22 May 1992 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we feel that we are unable to accept this record. Various committee members felt that the details submitted did not conclusively rule out Carolina Wren (in particular there was no reference to the length of the tail). This does not of course mean that the bird was not a Bewick's Wren, merely that the details did not allow for a concrete determination.

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.

Sincerely,

Ed Kwater
Chairman

Record # 622-01-1992

Bewick's Wren 622-01-1992
5-22-92 10³⁰ AM. 10 min.

Tuscarora State Forest - Perry County
Conococheague Mt. Elevation 1400 (approx)
Intersection Little Knob Rd + Kansas Valley Rd.
Small grassy pull off spot with small
stream at foot of bank

Sunny - Clear 70° Light wind

Heard a "Bird" singing very close. Located
a sparrow sized bird with a cocked up tail,
on the ground by a log. Wren?

Noted - White eye strip.

Plain Brown head and back - not rufous.
and not striped.

White underpart.

Most unusual striped tail with white tips.
→ rounded end

"It" flew up on a small limb of a low bush
into the sun. Then came the back view
of a fanned tail of white and black stripes.
Beautiful! Checkfield marks several times.

Watched till it made its way down toward
the stream and out of sight behind the leaves
and branches. Singing all the time.

I was using Bushnell 7x26 7° Custom Compact.

"Peterson Field Guide" - in car } Bewick's
"Golden Birds of N.A." - at home. } Wren

Gloria Bickel

(over)

As I watched the mind was sorting out
the Wrens.

It was not the voice of a House or
Carolina Wren. Did not look like the
Winter or Marsh Wren. I could see the picture
in my mind of another wren in the Peterson
guide but had no name for it till I got
back to the car. A mind ~~can~~ can remember
and retain a lot. Now I have to get my new
found "ears" to learn sounds all over again
Thanks -
Gloria

622-01-1992

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Bewick's Wren**

Date of Sighting: **22 May 1992**

Observer(s): **Gloria Bickel**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Gloria Bickel**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas				X			
F. Haas							X
R. Ickes			X				
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner				X			
J. Skinner			X				
TOTALS			3	3			1
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Date:

7/2/93