

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	Street Address: 26 S. Homestead Dr City: Yardley State / Province: Pa Postal / Zip Code: 19067 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	John Newitt, Mark Gallagher, Chris and Gerry Dewaghe, Sue and Mark Eveland, August and Judy Mirabilla, Kelly Joslin, Jean Barrell, Devich Farbotnik
Species (Common Name)	European Robin
Species (Scientific Name)	Erithacus rubecula
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	02-21-2015 4:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Lower Makefield Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	26 S. Homestead Dr. Yardley Pa. 19067
Habitat	Backyard
Distance to bird	about 30 feet
Viewing conditions	snowing
Optical equipment used	naked eye, binoculars 12X36 canon
Description	It was a little bigger than a junco and had similar posture to a junco in that it sat more horizontal than vertical. The bird had a pinky-orange breast and mask. The pinky-orange coloring came down his breast with an uneven margin that dipped up like cleavage. Between the pink and the wing, there was a section of gray that turned into an olive brown wing and back. Its belly was white. The bird had no wing bars. Its beak was slender and long similar to a Carolina Wren.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	When I first saw the bird, he was trying to hover and feed from the suet feeder. He kept trying to feed, but couldn't maintain the wingbeats and would fall to the ground or get back onto the squirrel baffle. I watched him for about an hour attempting to grasp the feeder and was eventually successful in grabbing the wire cage, but couldn't hang upside down and eat. He made several attempts, disappearing for a few minutes then returning. He finally figured out how to cling to the side of the suet cage and feed. After this success, he always grabbed the side of the cage. When offered suet, he

would feed on the platform feeder, but the other birds often scared him off.

**Separation from similar species
(How you eliminated others)**

Eastern Bluebird. No blue and the pink coloring wasn't in the right place.

**Discussion – anything else
relevant to the observation that
will aid the committee in
evaluating it:**

This bird remained at my house going from the suet feeder to the bamboo in my next door neighbor's yard. Sunday Feb. 22, the bird remained in the yard and fed on the suet most of the day. He would disappear for a few hours, but would return. I didn't see the bird again until Thursday Feb. 26 at 6:15am until I left for work at 8:30am. He didn't return in the afternoon when I looked for him after work. The next time I saw him at the feeder was with the heavy snow we had on March 5. He fed on the suet, again disappearing for several hours, but continued to be seen through March 7. That was the last time I saw him. I hoped with the snow we had on March 20, he would return, but he hasn't.

**Are you positive of your
identification ? (Why or why not)**

Yes. I have seen this bird in Europe while visiting family. and I have the confirmation of several other notable birders in the area.

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**Supporting evidence (check all
that apply)**

Photograph

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drawings**



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