



646-01-1995


11/26/95

Northern Wheatear in Newtown, Pa.

As I stepped out of the back door of my photography shop in Newtown, Pa., on September 25 1995, at 6:15 P.M., on a dark rainy night, a bird, a small bird, a small bird with a large white rump, sprang up from my feet and disappeared through a fully leaved maple tree. I really knew what it was in my heart, but my brain said "no way here in Newtown". A Northern Wheatear in this tiny back yard? "Of all the gin joints", I mean back yards in this town why pick mine?

Son David appeared shortly and we found the bird on top of a chimney next door. I kept an eye on it with my 12X Canon bins as it flew to another chimney then to a telegraph pole on the street in back. By this time the rain was beginning to intensify and light was rapidly failing. We needed a photo. David emerged from the shop with a camera loaded with 1000 speed film and f:2/8 lens. At 6:45 P.M. Mr. Wheatear flew down to a rain gutter on the porch near the telegraph pole. CZAP CZAP; two photos are made, the record is secured! Still hard to believe.

Alan Brady
Wycombe, Pa.



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)

Date of Sighting: 25 September 1995 to 25 September 1995

Location: NEWTOWN

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Alan & David Brady

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Alan & David Brady

Written Description: YES Photo: YES Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
N. Pulcinella	X							
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes				X				
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
S. Feldstein	X							
TOTALS	6			1				
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

5-1-96