







UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

**Species (common & scientific):** N. Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)

**Number of Individuals:** 1      **Sex(es):** ?

**Age(s) & Plumage(s):** Probably winter female or 1<sup>st</sup> winter male

**Date Seen:** 10/7/04      **Time:** Approx. 2PM-5PM

**Where Seen (Town/County):** Tincum Twp., Bucks Co.

**Exact Location (Park, Road, Lake):** Dark Hollow Rd.

**Observer Reporting:**

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**Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you):** Found and identified by Devich Farbotnik. Seen by several.

**Distance to Bird:** 75-100 feet

**Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you):** Clear, sun at back

**Optical Equipment Used:** 7X42 Zeiss Bins & Leica 77APO w/20-60X Zoom

**Habitat:** mowed weedy farm field

**Description (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage; bill, eye, & leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):** Small thrush with longish black legs; Gray cap, nape and upper back; white supercilium, gray/black lores, and blackish streaked cinnamon auriculars; pale cinnamon breast, paler toward belly and flanks, and white under tail coverts; slim black bill and black eyes; black primaries, varying degrees of cinnamon in wing coverts, tertials, and adjoining mantle. The striking plumage was the white rump and tail with broad black band. My eyes weren't quick enough to see the black up the middle of the tail when it hopped up in the air. I didn't see it flair its tail as they often do.

**Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing):** It was mostly standing and running in the field seeking insects. Occasionally jumped into the air as they often do chasing insects.

**Vocalizations:** None

**Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report):**

Photos taken by Gerry Dewaghe submitted to Nick Pulcinella by E-mail. Video by A. Mirabella submitted with this documentation.

**Separation from Similar Species (How you eliminated others):** I guess Isabelline Wheatear is a possibility. I have limited info on that species to comment.

**Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it):** Many with more experience with other species than I saw it and all believed ID was correct.

**Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species:** I've seen NOWH two other times.

**Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not):** Yes. Matches pictures and descriptions studied.


**References:**

During Observation: None

After Observation: Sibley's; photos by Gerry Dewaghe; my video

**Date of report:** 12/27/04

**Signature of Observer:** August Mirabella & Judy Mirabella



## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)

Date of Sighting: 7 October 2004 to 7 October 2004

Location: TINICUM TOWNSHIP

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): Devich Farbotnik et al.

Date of Submission: 2004, 2005

Submitted by: Devich Farbotnik , August Mirabella, Bill Etter, Gerald Dewaghe

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

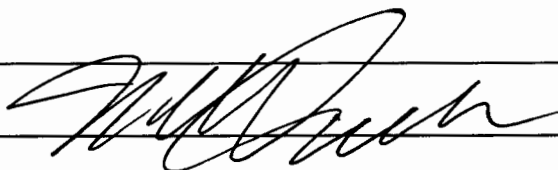
Recording: Video

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R. Wiltraut	X							
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Guris								
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)



Date:

11/7/05