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Mountain Bluebird

Two rare birds in one month is more than we could ask the Lord to provide. W.R. had just gotten over the excitement of a Red Phalarope at Codorus St. Park when comes word of another rare ^{bird} less than 5 mi from CSP at Long Arm Dam.

On Dec 23 Dan Heathcote, after work, parked his car near the breast of the dam and before long appeared this bird with long tapered blue wing blue rump & tail and a white eye ring. The rest of the body was basically shades of gray. It was flitting from tree to ground and back again pausing ever so often to hover slightly in mid air. A female Mountain Bluebird - above all expectations

Verified by Russell Ryan and broadcast abroad once again we had the main bird attraction for Eastern Pa. On the 26th when 10 birders from York were there it appeared exactly where Dan said it would be and put on a show good that many had never seen before. Most of the time it was so close that no binoculars were needed. Camera shutters clicked but anything after that was anti climatic. Later reports for 1988 after the 27th

are sketchy but it was seen on Jan 2 89
by Karen Lippy. The last report before
sending this to Pa Birds was Jan 15,
same location, by Jack + Lil Downs +
Bill Del Grande.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # / of

Species: Mountain Bluebird

Date of Sighting: December 23, 1988

Observer(s): Dan Heathcote, Russ Ryan

Date of Submission: 1989

Submitted by: Russ Ryan thru Al Spiese

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
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E. Kwater	X						
B. Haas	X						
F. Haas	X						
R. Leberman	X						
G. McWilliams	X						
S. Santner	X						
P. Schwalbe	X						
TOTALS	7						
DECISION	X						

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