

SPECIES: Townsend's Solitaire DATE SIGHTED: November 24, 1998

SIZE, SHAPE, and PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

The bird was a smaller size than the Mourning Doves it was with. I would say larger than a bluebird and smaller than a robin. The plumage was uniform gray except for a salmon colored patch on the wing and white along the edge of the tail. The bird had a distinct white eye ring. The bill and legs looked black. The tail was held down and the body held distinctly vertical.

BEHAVIOR:

The bird was seen in an old strip mine reclamation on 11/24/98. I watched the bird after I saw it and the bird did not move, it just sat still with it's feathers slightly puffed up.

NUMBER, SEX, AGE:

1 adult.

LOCATION:

On the Piney Tract reclaimed strip mine in Clarion County, Pa. Go west on Rt. 58 out of Sligo and take Limestone Lane on the right for about 2 miles. Bird was located in a leafless deciduous tree next to some hemlock trees.

CONDITIONS, TIME, WEATHER, OPTICS, EXPERIENCE:

It was sunny and warm, about 55 degrees F. The bird was observed through Leica 8 X 42 binoculars. It was late in the afternoon, almost dusk. The photograph did not turn out (too dark). It was about 4:30 p.m.. I have seen many Townsend's Solitaires this year on my western adventures.

ANY OTHER OBSERVERS?

Deuane Hoffman saw an adult about 0.5 miles south of the site in October. My guess is that this was the same bird. The area is very large so a bird moving around would be very hard to find.

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Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*)

Date of Sighting: 24 November 1998 to 24 November 1998

Location: PINEY TRACT

County: CLARION

Observer(s): John Fedak

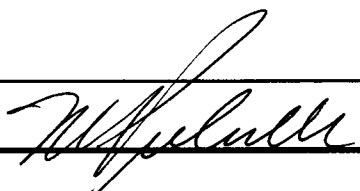
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Submitted by: John Fedak

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO REWARDING NO

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P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 1/14/01