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Townsend's Solitaire at State Game Lands 30 near Betula, McKean County, PA, 21-Jan-2005

Observer:

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Location: In the general area of a bat house one hundred yards up the trail from the parking area just south of the northern border of SGL 30 on PA-46

Temperature: -15 F rising to -5 F

Wind: calm

Sky: clear

Time: 7:45 AM to 11:20 AM

Equipment: Leica 10x42 BN binoculars, Kowa TSN-824 (20-60X) spotting scope

Camera: Nikon Coolpix 4500 4mp digital camera

Photos or audio recordings: 4 photos submitted - digiscoped from a range of approx. 50 feet, camera mounted to scope.

Accompanying observers: Dave Wilton (dw_wilton@yahoo.com), Joyce Hoffmann (ibird@juno.com)

Documentation date: January 30, 2005

Submission date: January 30, 2005

Photos:

- TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005b8.jpg - underwing view
- TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005c8.jpg - head-on view
- TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005d8.jpg - side view, partially obstructed
- TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005g8.jpg - side view, partially obstructed

Observation:

The morning of 21 January was extremely cold, with temperatures bottoming out at -15 F at first light. Despite the bitter chill, the bird was observed briefly at 7:45 AM on in the vicinity of a bat house where previous observers had most frequently encountered it, perched in a hawthorn tree about 60 feet from the trail. Unfortunately the bird flushed after a very brief encounter and disappeared into some pine trees about 200 yards from our position. It did not reappear until 10:20 AM, when it made its way back to the hawthorn trees near the bat house. By this time the temperature had risen to about -5 to 0 F, and the sun was bright in the cloudless sky. For the next hour or so the bird perched, preened, and occasionally fed on berries anywhere between 30 to 100 feet from our position, and allowed outstanding views and photographic opportunities. At 11:15 AM, it again departed the area toward the pine trees 200 yards from our position, and we left the area.

Description:

-- Medium sized thrush-like bird intermediate in size between a bluebird and an American robin, with a long tail, a short, thin, dark bill, dark legs, small round head.

--Plumage characteristics:

- Head and nape a clean slate gray with a complete, bold white eyering, but no other markings (i.e., no markings on crown or cheek, no eyeline, etc.)
- Mantle and scapulars, and all down the back to the rump a similar unmarked slate gray as the head
- Underparts from the throat through to the belly a very slightly lighter unmarked slate gray
- Undertail coverts a darker gray or brown coloration but edged with the same pale gray as the rest of the underparts, best viewed in TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005c8.jpg
- Greater coverts also slate gray but edged with bold white, especially at the tips of the feathers. Median coverts generally an unmarked slate gray similar to the back.
- Primaries neatly marked with a black and buffy/orange pattern, black toward the tips and buffy away from the tips, creating a buffy patch on the wings of the bird when perched
- Secondaries on perched bird also showed similar buffy or light edgings but not nearly as boldly as the primaries, mainly it seemed as if they were simply white at the edges. Tertials generally gray with light edging as in greater coverts
- Tail long, slate gray with white outer edges along its entire length, best viewed in TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005g8.jpg
- Underwing in flight showed a bold, thick buffy stripe along the center of the underwing, nicely (and luckily) photographed in TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005b8.jpg

-- When viewed head on, the feathers of the crown were seen to flare out above the eye, creating a "pinched" look as if the head were compressed in at the eyes. This is best seen in TwnsndSolitaireJan-21-2005c8.jpg.

-- The bird had a very swift, direct flight reminiscent of a large flycatcher. It even seemed to be "catching" berries when feeding as it would fly out from its perch and hover as it picked berries from the branches, and then return to its perch.

-- The bird was in very fresh plumage, with no damage or wear on any feathers and a very crisp, clean look overall.

-- Once the sun rose in full, the bird became very active and seemed well fed and quite healthy.

--The bird never vocalized.

Discussion:

There are not many birds in North America with which this individual could be confused. Probably closest overall among North American birds would be a female mountain bluebird, but this is easily eliminated by the distinctive black and buffy wing pattern and complete lack of blue coloration. It is easily told from Northern Mockingbird also by the black and buffy wing pattern and the bold white eyering. Gray Catbird is also eliminated by the wing pattern, the lack of a black crown, and the lack of rufous undertail coverts.

Straying a little further afield, the extremely unlikely but similar Slate-colored Solitaire is also eliminated by the buffy wing pattern and the dark legs.

This leaves Townsend's Solitaire as the only possible identification.

Of note is the bird's fresh plumage. This solitaire was discovered about one week before my encounter, but the fresh plumage indicates that the bird probably had not yet flown far on this set of feathers. More likely, it had been present here in Pennsylvania, or somewhere close by, for

quite some time and has undergone molt here in the east. It would be interesting to know just when this bird arrived in the Commonwealth.

Prior experience:

I have seen a handful of Townsend's Solitaires in the western North America at various times during the year, including sightings in California, Washington state, and Alberta, Canada. This is my first record in Pennsylvania.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes townsendi*)

State Game Lands #30, McKean County, PA / January 27, 2005

by Mike Fialkovich

This bird was reported by McKean County compiler John Fedak and was regularly seen for over a week before I had the chance to go see it. Having missed this species on numerous trips to the Western U.S., I was eager for the opportunity of seeing it in Pennsylvania.

I arrived at the site mid-morning, the time the bird was most often seen. I waited approximately thirty minutes and the bird appeared in the fruit bearing trees near a bat house at the edge of a field. The bird spent most of the time perched, preening, and resting. In between, it would fly to the trees (which were reported as hawthorns, but were perhaps a species of crabapple) laden with fruit, pluck a few berries from the branch, swallow them whole, then return to a perch lower in nearby trees, perhaps to shelter from the wind and bitter cold. I observed the bird fly across the field in a zig-zag, rather erratic pattern to a distant tree. After losing sight of it, I returned to my car for another camera lens and upon returning to the site, the bird was again perched near the bat house. I took video and slides of the bird. Video captures have been submitted as part of my documentation.

I kept a respectable distance, but the bird actually flew towards me and landed very close to feed, allowing excellent views in the bright sunlight. I observed the bird for approximately one and a half hours, at times as close as 15 feet.

Description:

- Slim, rather long tailed bird, similar in build to a Northern Mockingbird, but smaller.
- Overall the bird was brownish-gray with a bold white eye ring. The throat was a bit lighter (whitish) compared to the head and body.
- Bill, legs and feet black. Bill rather thin and short, very thrush-like.
- Tail proportionally long, with white outer feathers conspicuous when the bird flew, and when it stretched while it preened. When the tail was folded, from below, a large amount of white was visible from the overlapping outer retrices. The folded tail tapered to a blunt point.
- The wings showed buffy patches along the base of the primaries and along the flight feathers. When the bird flew, these patches were obvious, forming a continuous, broad buffy bar across the wing.

The bird exhibited thrush-like behavior of a calm manner, looking around slowly, or sitting quite still for extended periods.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*)

Age: appeared to possibly be an adult, judging by rounded remige shape

Date: Jan. 17, 2005, ~8:20 –10:20 AM

Location: State Game Land 30, south of Betula on Rt. 46, McKean County

Site: a little over 100 yards west past the gate at the parking lot

Observer: Ben Coulter
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aeridia@velocity.net

Other observers: John Fedak, Rick Wiltraut, Peter Robinson

Habitat: The bird was feeding on crabapples and hawthornes near a field along a dirt road through the gameland.

Distance to bird: I viewed the bird through the scope within 30 ft. Others in the party were able to get within 15 ft.

Conditions: cloudy, cold, with light to heavy falling snow, and temp about 10 F.

Optics: Swarovski 8.5x42 binoculars, Leica 77mm APO scope w/ 20-60x eyepiece, Nikon Coolpix 995

Description: The Townsend's Solitaire is a lanky, medium-sized grayish thrush, with a proportionately long tail with white outer tail feathers, a small head and bill, and a brilliant white eye ring. The wing also has a pair of salmon-colored patches on the primaries and secondaries.

The crown, supercilium, auriculars, malar, and nape were medium slate gray, while the throat blended to whitish. The orbital feathers surrounding the eye were very prominent bright white, creating an eyering, thickest dorsally and at the rear. The head was smoothly rounded and sleek, and disproportionately small in relation to body size. When viewed head-on, the orbital region is by far the thinnest part of the head, while the crown feathering looks very full, somewhat like an hourglass.

The scapulars, mantle, rump, and uppertail coverts were medium slate gray, similar in shade to the crown. The breast, belly, sides, and flanks were pale gray, but still slightly darker than the throat, while the vent was whitish. The undertail coverts were dark gray, with white fringes, making them appear mottled. The primaries and secondaries were blackish-brown, with a band of pale orange crossing both webs near the base, creating orange wingbars visible above and below. There was also a fainter whitish-orange area on the outer webs of the secondaries, most visible when folded. The tertials were blackish, with white edges and broad white tips. The secondary coverts were gray, with thin white edges and broader white tips. Upper primary coverts were blackish. The underwing coverts were gray. The tail feathers were blackish, with white outer webs on the outer two pairs of rectrices, and on the outermost pair, with the white bleeding over to the inner webs and blending to completely white tips on roughly the last third of the feathers.

The iris was dark. The short, peglike bill was mostly dark bluish-gray, becoming blackish on the tip. The legs and feet were blackish, and usually kept well covered by the fluffed body plumage.

Behavior: The solitaire would perch in a hawthorn tree, and sally forth to pick berries in flight, and then return to the perch to swallow them. We also watched it eat some snow

once. The bird liked to sit nearly motionless and puffed up for long periods, conserving energy in the cold.

Supporting Evidence: see photographs by Ben Coulter.

Similar species: Northern Mockingbird is a potential source of confusion if seen extremely poorly, but it differs in many respects from a solitaire. Mockingbirds have a slightly longer bill, very large white ovals in the spread primaries, longer legs, yellow irides, and of course, have different shape and habits compared to a solitaire.

Discussion: This Townsend's Solitaire was discovered by Len Groshek on Saturday, Jan. 15, and was confirmed by John Fedak the same afternoon.

Prior experience: I have seen this species before in southeastern Arizona.

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (Myadestes townsendi)
Subspecies, if known

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) ?

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): adult

DATE OF OBSERVATION 01/15/05 TIME 1030 AM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) NORWICH TWP, MCKEAN CO., PA

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) STATE GAME LANDS #30 WEST OF S.R. 46 + SOUTH OF POTATO CREEK

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name LEONARD A. GROSHEK
Address 947 KENT HOLLOW RD.
City SMETHPORT State PA ZIP 16749
e-mail (optional) JLGR0@PENNSWOODS.NET phone (optional) (814) 887-5121

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): WENT TO BIRD WITH JOHN FEDAK (BRADFORD) - AFTERNOON OF 01/15/04

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) OVERGROWN FIELD (WET) - SCATTERED CRAB APPLE, HAWTHORN, BARBERRY (JAPANESE) - SURROUNDED WITH VARIOUS MATURE CONIFERS.

DISTANCE TO BIRD 15-20 FEET

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) CLEAR + SUNNY - WATCHED BIRD FROM VARIOUS ANGLES

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED BINOCULARS 10x

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN EASTERN BLUE BIRD.

MOSTLY GRAY. BUFF + WHITE WING PATCHES. OUTER TAIL FEATHERS WHITE - WHITE EYE-RING - BUFF UNDER-WING VISIBLE WHEN BIRD FLYING.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) I OBSERVED BIRD RESTING, FLYING, FEEDING ON CRAB APPLES

VOCALIZATIONS NONE HEARD

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name VIDEO + PHOTOS WERE TAKEN LATER BY
Address JOHN FEDAK + OTHERS
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition N/A
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) CAN'T BE ANYTHING ELSE.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

OBSERVED BIRD SEVERAL TIMES ON DIFFERENT DAYS SINCE I FOUND IT. I WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE IT AT CLOSE RANGE + FROM VARIOUS ANGLES FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME. ALL DISTINGUISHING FIELD MARKS IN FIELD GUIDE WERE EASILY OBSERVED.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES BIRDER FOR OVER 20 YEARS, B.G. WILDLIFE + FISHERIES SCIENCE - PENN STATE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICER WITH PA GAME COMMISSION - 13 YEARS

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation PETERSON'S - EASTERN BIRDS
After observation VARIOUS FIELD GUIDES

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 01/25/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Leonard G. Meehl

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Townsend's Solitaire (Myadestes townsendii)
 Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) N/A

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): adult, seems to be fresh plumage very little wear (as if just molted)

DATE OF OBSERVATION 1/15/05 TIME 6:00pm - 3:00pm 1/16/05
8-11 am

LOCATION (city, borough, township) near Betula, Norwich Township, Mckean County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) State game lands 30, 100yds west of west side parking area just south of P-tato Creek

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name John Fedak
 Address 26 Race St
 City Bradford State Pa ZIP 16701
 e-mail (optional) jfedak@att.net phone (optional) 814 362 1052

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): LEN GROSHER, BEN COULTER, Rick Wilgout, PETER ROBINSON

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Brushy wet field with hawthorne and crab apples surrounded by Norway Spruce + scotcht Pine

DISTANCE TO BIRD < 10 ft

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) vis sun, All angles
1/16 cloudy + snowy.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED B.oculars, video camera (Pictures sent to Nick Pulcinella) uploaded on internet by Ben Coulter

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): Slightly bigger than an Eastern Bluebird, much larger than purple finches. Dark bill, shorter looking than a bluebird but similar shape white eye ring - very prominent. Gray body - solid gray a little lighter shade on breast but hardly noticeable wing patches that appeared buff colored or orange depending on sunlight. White outer tail feathers. Dark legs when bird flew, buffy orange wing patches on the underwing were easily seen.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

★ still present on 4/2/05

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Bird was eating berries + eating snow occasionally flying, but did not seem to be spooky. it was also seen chasing purple finches away from berries

VOCALIZATIONS A trouting like call/song similar to a N. Snow whet in tone was heard, but I also heard it sing a song similar to a finches.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name John Fedak
Address 26 Race St
City Bradford State Pa ZIP 16701
e-mail (optional) phone (optional)

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

* Photo sent with email to Nick Pulcinella on 4/15/05

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

Most similar would be a Mocking bird, habits + coloration separate it from this bird - not much else resembles an adult towards Solitaire

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

The bird is an adult and the photos are good enough for ID

* Bird has been seen by over 80 individuals with some really nice sharp photos posted to the internet - an article with a photo by Geoff Malosh appeared in the Bradford ERA

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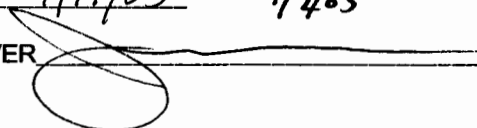
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES - seen before both out west and 1 time good in Pa, 1 time Flyover in Pa

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES, ABSOLUTELY

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE
After observation SIBLEY + NATH Geographic to show my wife bird.

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 1/17/05 4/2/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER 

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SPECIES (Common and Scientific Name): Townsend's Solitaire, *Myadestes townsendi*

Subspecies: _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS: 1 **SEX(ES):** Unidentified

AGES(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g., immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable):
Adult

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 12 February 2005 **TIME:** 12:30-1:30 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township): State Game Lands 30, McKean County

EXACT SITE (e.g., name of park, lake, road): State Game Lands 30 near Potato Creek pull off.

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name: Mark A. McConaughy
Address: 3787K Logans Ferry Road
City: Pittsburgh State: PA Zip: 15239-3910
Email (optional): TimeTraveler@msn.com
Telephone (optional): 724-733-5299

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):
Dennis Lauffer

HABITAT (e.g., mowed field, woodland edge, any other details):
Brushy field with crab apple and hawthorns mixed with other smaller trees in an open parkland/field.

DISTANCE TO BIRD: Approximately 15 m in brush to 45 m while perched on top of dead crag.

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you):
Snow flurries under full overcast sky.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Leica 10x42 binoculars and Leica APO Televid spotting scope

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species Present; “jizz”= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):
When we first spotted the bird, it was in a crab apple tree or hawthorn bush (wasn't 100% sure what it was since most of the fruit was gone – but think it was a crab apple) at about mid-tree height. The bird was clearly gray over most of its body, although the intensity and darkness varied a bit. Wing primaries and secondaries and tail feathers were generally darker than the gray of the body and head. An eye-ring was noticeable, and buffy wing patches were present. The lighting may have played a roll in the following, but the upper breast did have a slight pinkish cast to it. In other views, the upper breast was clearly gray. The beak was relatively small and dark. The bird stayed in the crab apple(?) skulking around the branches of the tree for awhile. We could see white outer tail feathers as it moved around in the tree. The bird was very close to us, so close that my digiscope photos could not get an entire body shot! Still, it provided for good closeup pictures of the bird in the tree. Then, as I shifted positions to try and get a better angle on viewing the bird through the spotting scope, it took off and flew over to the top of a dead crag. As it flew, we got a brief look at the buffy underwing patches. The perch in the crag actually provided us with much better views of the bird through our scopes and allowed me to take full body digiscope shots of the bird. There were no other birds close to it to provide direct size comparisons, but it did look to be thrush-size, 7-8 inches. It was smaller than I would expect if it was a Northern Mockingbird.

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing):
It was moving around the trunk of the crab apple(?) apparently looking for some fruit or food. Later it flew up to a crag and perched. It was looking around in all directions from this perch.

VOCALIZATIONS: None heard.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE, IF ANY: 3 shots at:
<http://people.delphiforums.com/MCCONAUGHY/birding/toso.htm>

And more on the enclosed CD.

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

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IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition: NA

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known:
NA

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others):

The closest bird in appearance to this species would be a Northern Mockingbird. This Townsend's Solitaire can be easily separated from the Northern Mockingbird by the following characteristics: 1. it was smaller than a Northern Mockingbird, 2. It has pronounced white eye rings that are not present with Northern Mockingbirds, 3. There were buffy wing patches that are not found on Northern Mockingbirds, 4. The bill was smaller and not decurved as found on Northern Mockingbirds, 5. It lacked white wing patches that are seen on Northern Mockingbirds in flight. A Gray Catbird is another bird that might be compared to this specimen. However, Gray Catbirds also lack the distinctive eye ring, buffy wing patches and white outer tail feathers seen on this individual. Gray Catbirds are also a slightly darker gray overall than this bird.

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

It also was not a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher since it was much too large and didn't behave like a Gnatcatcher.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES:

I did report a Townsend's Solitaire from Westmoreland County that was not accepted by PORC. This specimen is the same species of bird as the Westmoreland one.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not):

Yes, it had all the diagnostic characteristics of a Townsend's Solitaire.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation: None

After observation: National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America Third Edition, Sibley Field Guide to Birds of North America

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 14 February 2005

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: 

Townsend's Solitaire

Myadestes townsendi

State Game Lands 30, McKean County

photographs by Mark A. McConaughy

12 February 2005



This Townsend's Solitaire was observed in State Game Lands 30 on 12 February 2005. This is the Townsend's Solitaire that was first discovered by Len Groshek back on 15 January 2005. The bird has a buffy wing patch and pronounced eye ring which are characteristic of the species. This is a digiscope photo taken at about 160X.



Another shot of the Townsend's Solitaire perched on top of a dead(?) crag showing it's short, dark beak. This is a digiscope shot taken at about 160X.

Westmoreland County was a Townsend's Solitaire. This is a digiscope shot taken at approximately 160X.

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Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Townsend's Solitaire (Myadestes townsendi)

Date of Sighting: 5 January 2005 to 2 April 2005

Location: STATE GAME LANDS 30

County : McKEAN

Observer(s): Multiple observers

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: John Fedak, Mark McConaughy, Mike Fialkovich, Ben Coulter , Geoff Malosh

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

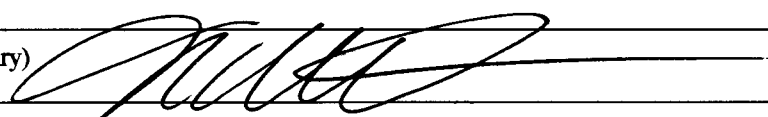
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
D. Heathcote <i>Guarente</i>	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Laberman <i>Huller</i>	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	X							

Comments: *6/0*

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

2/27/06