



PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) unknown

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, drab winged

DATE OF OBSERVATION 20 SEPT. 2009 TIME ~10:30

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Kempton, Albany Twp.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) North Lookout, Hawk Mountain State Park

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name DAVID BARBER
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): _____

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) rock outcropping

DISTANCE TO BIRD 35 m.

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) clear, blue sky, sun was behind me and to the right.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Zeiss 10x40

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): My initial impression was a gray thrush, smaller than an American Robin, with a similar posture and overall shape of a robin but bigger than a bluebird. The back, head & tail were a uniform dark gray with a lighter gray belly with no spots. Head was gray with a distinct white eye ring. Wings were gray with a light brown patch in the wings, not white. Pattern in the wing was indistinct. Bill was thick & short. White outer feathers.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what this bird was doing) Bird was perched on the top of a hemlock.

VOCALIZATIONS none

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____
Address _____
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 _____
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) The head was uniform gray and did not have a black cap, so it wasn't a catbird. It had a white eye ring and not an overly long tail like a mockingbird, so was not a N. mockingbird. There was color in the wing but was not white, again ruling out mockingbird.

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

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I've seen this species numerous times while working and living in the west

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

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation None
After observation Sibley guide to birds of eastern N. America

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 20 Sept 2009

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Dmitry B.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Townsend's Solitaire Myadestes townsendi

Date of Sighting: 20 September 2009 to 20 September 2009

County : BERKS

Location : HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY

Observer(s): David Barber

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: David Barber

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

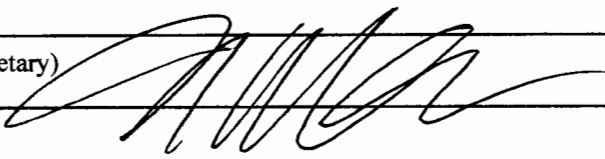
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
R. W. TRANT	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson			X					
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller			X					
G. Malosh					X			
TOTALS	4		2		1			
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/1

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

10/4/10