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RARE SPECIES REPORT

SPECIES: Bicknell's Thrush <i>Catharus bicknelli</i>		NUMBER SEEN: One
SIGHTING DATE: 22 May 1999 Sat.		SIGHTING TIME: 11:15am - 6:30pm
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: Lancaster Co., PA DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: 7 miles north of Manheim - 607 Woodland Dr., Manheim DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: Wooded 1 acre lot surrounded by other wooded lots.		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: partly cloudy DISTANCE: 30 ft. to 60 yards. EQUIP. USED: 10x50 swifts and 15x45 Bushnell LENGTH OF SIGHTING: 7 1/4 hrs.	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: nasal flutelike jumble, three parts about the same pitch with the last part rising slightly. SIZE: apx. 6 1/2" long. PLUMAGE: Slight reddish-brown upper parts from crown to nape to base to rump. The wings and tail were slightly warmer, more so when it was flying. Slight eye ring. Dark spots on slightly dirty white breast. Slightly dirty white throat to bill. To undertail coverts. Flanks were light grey. Check and lore area grey-brown. ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): Thrush-like bill was black on the upper mandible. The lower mandible was yellowish-orange, more toward yellow, with a black tip. Legs were flesh colored and the eye was black. BEHAVIOR: The bird sang from 11:15 to apx. 1:30. It was feeding on the ground on fallen leaves and on the road in full view of 5 people w/ scopes. It sang only about 10 times from 11:30 to 6:30pm.	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: I have seen and heard Bicknell's Thrush on Mt. Marcy, New York, near Lake Placid.		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: The only way to separate Bicknell's Thrush from Gray-checked Thrush is through the song. The last of the similar sounding Gray-checked Thrush drops in pitch.		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? Yes IF SO, BY WHO? Randy E. Miller		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? Maybe Jeff Hayes, Tom Go, Jerry Bank, Ann Mc		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): As in the photograph, the more sunlight on the Bicknell's Thrush, the warmer brown it appeared. A Swainson's Thrush was with the Bicknell's Thrush for apx. 1/2 hr.		
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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*)

Date of Sighting: 22 May 1999 to 22 May 1999

Location: MANHEIM

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Randy Miller

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: PORC Archives

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

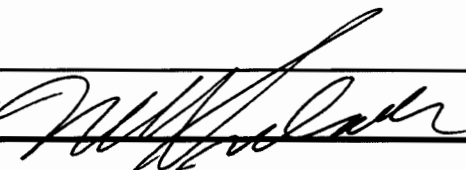
Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead					X			
D. Couchman								
P. Hess					X			
J. Stanley			X					
B. Reid				X				
R. Leberman			X					
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS			2	2	2			
DECISION								

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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