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May 23, 1997

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee  
Pennsylvania Birds  
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Dear Frank,

On Wednesday, May 21, 1997, I received a call from John Walker, 9010 Cowenton Avenue, Perry Hall, Maryland 21128. He told me he was fishing at Medix Run, near Sullivan Run on May 16, and saw birds he thought were Painted Redstart. When he got home, he contacted a birder friend, who confirmed what he saw. I told him to send me the info and he did, by e-mail. Enclosed is a copy of the e-mail I received from John.

This has been an odd year so far - mild winter and cold spring! I had my first Red-bellied Woodpecker sighting in Elk County (although others have occasionally seen them) and had another first - a Lincoln's Sparrow that hung around my yard for two days. Another birder saw one also. Vesper Sparrow is another sparrow several of us saw, which was a first for me in Elk.

Migration Day was not good - we only got up to about 40 degrees and it rained all day. Birds were silent.

Hope your birding has been better than mine!

Sincerely,



Linda G. Christenson

PS My e-mail address is: LGC442@ncentral.com

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JOHN WALKER  
9010 COWENTON AVE  
PERRY HALL,  
MARYLAND  
21128

John Walker, 08:38 PM 5/21/97, bir

Date: Wed, 21 May 1997 20:38:33 -0700  
From: John Walker <jwalker@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us>  
To: LGC442@ncentral.com  
Subject: bird sighting  
References: <337FCFBD.10C7@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us>

l. christenson

per our conversation tonight, here is what i saw. basic message was sent previously to a friend who is a real birder; wanted some confirmation that i saw what i thought i saw; they said yes.

location: sighting was in moshannon state forest, on medix run, elk county, upstream from junction with sullivan run.

long/lat: ~78deg 25'/41deg 16'

date: friday, 5/16/97, ~2pm

description per below

> was up in central pa., nw of state college this past weekend trout fishing, with only  
> marginal success. this is possible.  
> what i am not sure about were two pairs of small birds, about chickadee size, perhaps a  
> bit chunkier; males had full black head, red/ever\* crimson breast, and white markings on  
> wings. fits description of painted redstart, but way out of range; audubon book says  
> accidental in east; is this possible?  
> was not an american red start, breast was colored and color was very bright red, not  
> orange. was too small for a grosbeak. saw one up close i.e. w/i 20 feet.  
> both pairs were along small streams at ~1500'; mixed hardwoods and evergreens; also saw  
> what i took to be a hooded warbler in the same area.best  
john walker

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Painted Redstart ( )

Date of Sighting: 16 May 1997 to 16 May 1997

Location: MEDIX RUN

County: ELK

Observer(s): John Walker

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: ~~John Walker~~ *Linda Christinson*

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas							X	
P. Schwalbe							X	
K. Parkes				X				
R. Ickes							X	
P. Hess							X	
J. McWilliams							X	
T. Floyd							X	
TOTALS				1			6	
DECISION							X	

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

*4-19-99*