

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) Blue Grosbeak/Guiraca caerulea  
Subspecies, if known \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) 1 male

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 5/8/04 TIME 10:15 AM est.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Morris twp - Greene Co

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) off Rt # 40123 Greene county

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Attilio Stumaker  
Address 109 McCullough Rd  
City Spokane State Pa ZIP 15364  
e-mail (optional) attilio@jedco.net phone (optional) 724-637-7871

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):  
Renata Eminger

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) wooded. middle succession phase scrub field some lg trees

DISTANCE TO BIRD 200 feet surrounding

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) sky clear  
bird spk. partially far some 20 minutes  
on the top of a dead branch clear

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Binoculars & 20x20 Binoculars

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):

The blue was distinctly different  
than that of the indigo bunting or  
eastern bluebird. The wings were  
definitely brown. The neck was  
light colored.  
Size was relative to the  
grass quail a little larger than the  
hunting

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

This bird sat & sat or perched & perched. he didn't move except to fluff his plum a little & stare at the surroundings.

VOCALIZATIONS

Not being good at this I can't record any sound.

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 NA  
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known \_\_\_\_\_

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

Colors weren't right for others

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

We had a great deal of time to study it. We looked at it & time again to try to change its colors etc but it remained true to the blue grosbeak. We searched for books & looked at Island etc. This was the only consensus we could come up with.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

One year or so with the Rose breasted grosbeak. I had seen a Eastern blue bird but had to eliminate these

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

yes. The brown wings & shade of blue were undeniably

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation Peterson Field Guide to Birds of NA  
After observation National Audubon Field Guide to Birds

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 5/9/04

of NA.

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Attila Shevaker

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation – Round One**

Species: Blue Grosbeak (Guiraca caerulea)

Date of Sighting: 8 May 2004 to 8 May 2004

Location: MORRIS TOWNSHIP

County : GREENE

Observer(s): Atellia Shumaker

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Atellia Shumaker

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

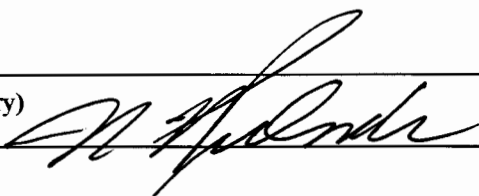
Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
D. Heathcote				X				
P. Guris				X				
J. Stanley				X				
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman				X				
M. Sharp			X	<del>X</del>				
TOTALS			2	5				
DECISION				X				

Comments: 2/5

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Signature (Secretary)



Date:

4/25/05