

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
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) 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

TIME DATE OF OBSERVATION 3:30 PM DATE TIME 5-18-04

LOCATION (city, borough, township) JACKSON TWP

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) STATE GAME LANDS RINEHART ROAD

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name TERRY R RENZIO
Address 433 WHIPKEY RIDGE ROAD
City WIND RIDGE State PA ZIP 15380
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): LILLIAN M RENZIO
HEARD IT BUT DIDN'T SEE THE BIRD

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) HEAVY BRUSH ROADSIDE BESIDE OVERGROWN FIELD

DISTANCE TO BIRD 50'

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) SUNNY - BIRD WAS IN THE SHADE

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED 12x50 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): I WAS WATCHING A PAIR OF INDEGO BUNTINGS WHEN I HEARD THIS DIFFERENT CALL. IT WAS A DEEP SLIGHTLY SCRATCHY WAABLE THAT CHANGED IN PITCH FROM HIGH TO LOW. IT FLEW FROM THE UNDERBRUSH TO A TALLER BUSH. IT WAS LARGER THAN AN INDEGO BUNTING AND HAD A HEAVY BILL. IT WAS BLACK IN FRONT OF THE EYE. IT HAD 2 LIGHT WING BARS THAT DIDN'T LOOK VERY BRIGHT AS THE BIRD WAS IN THE SHADE. IT SAW ME AND WENT TO GRAOUND IN THE HEAVY UNDERBRUSH. IT BECAME VERY QUIET AND I COULD NOT LOCATE IT ANY MORE.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) PAGE 1

VOCALIZATIONS PAGE 1

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) LARGER THAN INDIGO BUNTING AND HAD A DIFFERENT VOICE

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 HAVE OBSERVED INDIGO BUNTING FOR YEARS. THIS WAS MY FIRST SIGHTING OF THIS SPECIES

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ? (why or why not) I AM VERY POSITIVE ABOUT THIS SIGHTING

REFERENCES CONSULTED:
During observation STONES FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS
After observation SIBLEY GUIDE TO BIRDS

DATE OF THIS REPORT: _____

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Tony A. [Signature]

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Blue Grosbeak (Guiraca caerulea)

Date of Sighting: 18 May 2004 to 18 May 2004

Location: JACKSON TOWNSHIP

County : GREENE

Observer(s): Tony Ronzio

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Tony Ronzio

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. Stanlev			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)



Date:

4/24/05