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First Pennsylvania photographic record and other eastern sightings of the Lazuli Bunting.—Mrs. Helen Yelk first noticed an unusual bird at her feeder, near Elverson, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on 10 January 1975. After a week of study with her neighbor, Mrs. Sara Horner, they identified it as a Lazuli Bunting (Passerina amoena). I saw the bird at Mrs. Horner's feeder on 20 January 1975. It was a male approaching breeding plumage, with a bluish head slightly hidden by light brown feathers, and an orange-brown band on the breast and white wing bars. The bird was seen daily from 19 January 1975 until 16 March 1975. Color photographs were taken and placed in the National Photoduplicate File (599-1 Ca and 599-1 Cb).

In view of Kroodsma's (1975, Auk 92: 66) statement that he knew of no Lazuli Bunting record east of the Mississippi, I list the following published recent eastern records: a male seen on 6–7 May 1950 at Milton, Wisconsin (1950, Passenger Pigeon 13: 36), an adult male banded, photographed, and released 14 January 1963 at Timonium, Maryland (1973, Maryland Birdlife 19: 9), a male banded and photographed at Newport News, Virginia 25 February 1966 (1966, Audubon Field Notes 20: 409), a male seen 19–21 May 1967 at Brule, Wisconsin (1967 Passenger Pigeon 30: 50 and 1967, A. F. N. 21: 51). I am grateful to Chandler S. Robbins and Samuel Robbins for their help in checking the literature.—ROBERT E. COOK, Box 152, Main Street, Elverson, Pennsylvania, 19520. Accepted 27 Oct. 75.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Lazuli Bunting (Passerina amoena)

Date of Sighting: 10 January 1975 to 16 March 1975

Location: ELVERSON County: CHESTER Observer(s): Robert Cook

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	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
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R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/0

Signature (Secretary): Date: 9/23/03