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To Eric,

794-01-1986

I have some information for the Annotated Checklist.

I have two birds you should be interested in. Harris' Sparrow and Painted Bunting.

Let's start with the Painted Bunting. Since I have been keeping accurate notes for the past few years I did not write down the exact day. My guess is mid May 1986. The bird was a male. It was observed in Lititz at the Mary Pierson playground behind the Moravian Church. I was jogging through the area and heard a bird singing and looked up. It was approx. 25ft high in a sycamore tree. I observed the bird for several minutes. Other teenagers in the playground did not seem to disturb it. Even for an amateur I recognized it immediately. The bright red breast and blue head were diagnostic. I would not know about bird "Hotlines" until late 1987. Other than being sparrow size that's about all I remember. I don't remember the call, but it was singing. I only saw this bird once. I didn't look for it again. Even with my "limited" knowledge of birds I could not have mistaken this bird for any other species.

The Harris' Sparrow I wrote down a few more details. I observed this bird 2 May 1987 on S.G.L. 46 near Hopeland. The area was off Seglock Rd. near the Horseshoe trail. I was turkey hunting at the time so I was in full camo. I was hunting the large clear cut area on top. Not long after light the small birds were active, mostly white-throated sparrows. Then 15 ft away a Harris' Sparrow came into view. It was on a brush pile. The bird was very similar to the one I observed in Franklin Co. The black on the face extending down to the breast with the flesh colored bill was the most outstanding field mark. This bird was larger than the other birds. I watched it for a few minutes then it flew a short distance away.

Mike Gockley from the bird club has said he saw a Harris' Sparrow in Lancaster Co. Possibly Middlecreek. You might want to talk to him about that.

Hopefully this will help you update the list. If you need any other info just call or write.

839-01-1987

Good Birding
Randy

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Painted Bunting**

Date of Sighting: **15 May 1986**

Observer(s): **Randy Miller**

Date of Submission: **1991**

Submitted by: **Randy Miller**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas				X			
F. Haas				X			
R. Leberman						X	
G. McWilliams							X
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe					X		
TOTALS				4	1	1	1
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Born Haas

Date:

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