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On Sunday, October 24, 1999 about 10:30 AM Tom Garner , Joan Renninger and I found an adult male Painted Bunting on the Conejohela Flats near Washington Boro, Lancaster County , PA. The Bunting was observed on the upperside of Sharp-tailed Island (just west of Rookery Island) It flushed from some drier brush /weedy area flying below eye level, about 35' away and ended up perching on a small sapling 6-8' high about 75' from us. Observations were made for 1 1/2 - 2 minutes under partly cloudy conditions with 8X and 10X binoculars.

Field marks: a sparrow sized bird. Under parts were all red. The head was all dark blue. The eye was dark with a distinct red eye ring. The wings were dark. The rump was red. The back was lime green. The bill was sparrow like and dark.

After the initial observation we tried to relocate the bird for photo documentation but could not find it. Several other unsuccessful attempts were made in the following week.

All observers are familiar with the species from sightings in the southern United States.

To my knowledge this is the first documented multiple observer sighting of the species in Lancaster County.

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cc: North American Birds (Hudson-delaware region)
✓ Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

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BARB AND FRANK,

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION IS FOR THE
MALE PAINTED BUNTING WE HAD ON THE RIVER

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 1999

LOCATION: SUSQUEHANNA CONEJOHELA FLATS
LANCASTER CO., PA.

HABITAT: LOW-LYING RIVER ISLAND WITH
WEEDY GROWTH INCLUDING PURPLE
LOOSESTRIFE, BEGGARS TICK, STUNTED
WILLOWS, AND GRASSES

OBSERVERS: TOM GARNER, ERIC WITMER,
JOAN RENNINGER

DESCRIPTION: SMALL BIRD ABOUT SIZE OF
SWAMP SPARROW. UNDERPARTS COMPL-
ETELY RED INCLUDING THROAT. HEAD
BLuish-PURPLE WITH RED EYE-RING.
UPPER BACK LIME GREEN.

BIRD WAS VIEWED UNDER EXCELLENT LIGHTING
CONDITIONS FOR ABOUT 2 MINUTES AT
APPROXIMATELY 25 YARDS

SIMILAR SPECIES: NONE IN ABA AREA (OR
EXOTICS AS FAR AS I KNOW)

THANKS,
Tom Garner

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Painted Bunting (Passerina ciris)

Date of Sighting: 24 October 1999 to 24 October 1999

Location: WASHINGTON BORO

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Eric Witmer, Tom Garner, Joan Renninger

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Eric Witmer, Tom Garner

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

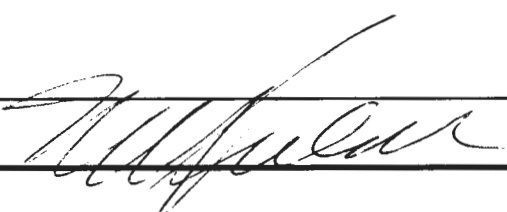
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead		X						
D. Couchman		X						
P. Hess		X						
R. Ickes		X						
B. Reid		X						
P. Rodewald		X						
M. Sharp		X						
TOTALS		7						
DECISION		X						

Comments: 7/0/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 11/15/00