







Species (common & scientific): Painted Bunting
Number of Individuals: 1 Sex(es): Male
Age(s) & Plumage(s): Adult male

Date Seen: 2/1/03 Time: late a.m.
Where Seen (Town/County): wrightstown - Bucks Co.
Exact Location backyard tree branch
near bird bath

Observer Reporting:
Name: Suzanne Horlacher
Address: 97 Pheasant Lane, Wrightstown, 18940
E-mail:
Telephone (optional): (215) 598-8699
Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you):

Habitat: treed area, near our home
Distance to Bird: 15'
Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): clear but dismal
'overhead nearly noon - a bit facing

Optical Equipment Used:

Description (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage; bill, eye, & leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): looked just like the picture in the newspaper - thought at first it was a bluebird never seen around here
Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): enjoying itself perched on a tree limb 5 minutes, then flew straight out toward the woods
Vocalizations:
Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report):
Photo: Video Recording: Audio Recording: Drawing:
Name, Address, e-mail, telephone (optional) of photographer, etc.

Separation form Similar Species (How you eliminated others):

Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it):

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species: none

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not):
I do not question it - maybe someone else would?

References:
During Observation:
After Observation:
Date of report: 3-4-03
Signature of Observer: Suzanne Y. Horlacher

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UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

Species (common & scientific): PAINTED BUNTING
Number of Individuals: 1 Sex(es): MALE
Age(s) & Plumage(s): UNK

Date Seen: 1/26/03 Time: @10 AM
Where Seen (Town/County): LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY
Exact Location (Park, Road, Lake): BACK YARD FEEDER
Observer Reporting:
Name: IVAN J. PUNCHATZ
Address: 398 TREND ROAD, YARDLEY, PA 19067
E-mail: punchatz@comcast.net
Telephone (optional): 215.428.0927
Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you): MY DAUGHTER
Habitat: DECK FEEDER UNDER LOCUST TREE
Distance to Bird: 8-10 FEET
Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): CLEAR BRIGHT MORNING

Optical Equipment Used: NONE

Description (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage; bill, eye, & leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):
I OBSERVED THE BIRD FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW OVERLOOKING THE FEEDER. THERE HAD BEEN A TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF BIRDS THAT MORNING, AT LEAST FIVE PAIRS OF CARDINALS, VARIOUS WOODPECKERS, MULTIPLE JUNCOS, SPARROWS ETC. THE BUNTING WAS ON THE GROUND UNDER THE FEEDER WITH A NUMBER OF HOUSE FINCHES. IT WAS OF A SIMILAR SIZE AS THE FINCHES ALTHOUGH IT SEEMED SLIGHTLY OF MORE FULL BODY AND ROUNDER. ITS COLOR WAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY BRILLIANT BLUE WITH A BRIGHT RED UNDERSIDE. I IDENTIFIED IT AS BUNTING USING PETERSON FIRST GUIDE TO BIRDS. I LATER SAW ARTICLE IN NEWSPAPER AND CALLED IT IN AS REQUESTED.

Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing):
EATING ON GROUND UNDER FEEDER.

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species: NONE

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not): I HAVE NEVER SEEN A BUNTING BEFORE BUT I AM POSITIVE OF THE DESCRIPTION ABOVE AND THAT THE BIRD I OBSERVED WAS THE SAME AS THAT PICTURED IN PETERSON'S AND NEWSPAPER.

References:

During Observation: PETERSON FIRST GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA
After Observation: ABOVE & COURIER TIMES NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Date of report: 2/9/03
Signature of Observer: IVAN J. PUNCHATZ

794-01-2003

UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

Species(common & scientific): Painted Bunting

Number of Individuals: 1 **Sex(es):** M

Age(s) & Plumage(s):

Date Seen: 12/31/02-1/03/03

Time: late morning late afternoon

Where Seen (Town/County): Lower Makefield, Bucks near Morrisville

Exact Location (Park, Road, Lake): Private home, back yard feeder and brush

Observer Reporting:

Name: Frances Nankin

Address: 902 Overton Avenue, Yardley, PA. 19067

E-mail: mnankin@yahoo.com

Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you): Martin and Jesse Nankin

Habitat: back yard feeders

Distance to Bird: 3-12 feet

Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Clear, grey sky , sun behind the house

Optical Equipment Used: Nikon and Steiner Binoculars

Behavior & Habitat: feeding on feeder, resting in brush

Description(only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage; bill, eye, & leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): +/- 5 inches in size. Iridescent blue on head, green on back. Cardinal red on underside.

Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): feeding from tube feeder attached to 7ft pole feeder. Nuts fruit and millet recipe.

Separation form Similar Species (How you eliminated others): Exact match with numerous photos and web pictures.

Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it): Brilliant coloring. Elicited aggressive behavior from male cardinal.

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species: none

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not): Yes. Perfect match with pictures

References:

During Observation: National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds Eastern region. Illustration 602

After Observation: same plus web sites

Date of report: 01/18/03

Signature of Observer: Frances Nankin

Pennsylvania Rare Bird Report Form

Species (common & scientific): Painted Bunting

Number of Individuals: One

Sex(es): Male

Age(s) & Plumage(s): Adult Male

Date Seen: 2/16 to 3/16 (returned about 3/26 and stayed until 4/22 per later report from the Coburns) *DM*

Time: Through the day at feeder

Where Seen (Town/County): Lower Makefield Twp. Bucks Co.

Exact Location: 110 Vernon Lane (feeder outside kitchen window)

Observer Reporting:

Name: Forrest & Mary Coburn

Address: 110 Vernon Lane, Yardley, PA 19067

E-mail: fmcoburn2@aol.com

Telephone (optional):

Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you): None

Habitat: Wooded suburban

Distance to Bird: 5 ft.

Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Excellent in all light conditions

Optical Equipment Used: Canon Rebel 2000 EOS camera w/75-300 mm zoom

Description: Blue Head, orange eyeliner, red breast, green back.

Behavior: Feeding at our pole mounted feeder and flying back and forth between it and nearby rhododendron and Canadian Hemlock tree.

Vocalizations: None

Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report):

Photo: Yes

Video Recording:

Audio Recording:

Drawing:

Name, Address, e-mail, telephone (optional) of photographer, etc.: Forrest Coburn

Separation form Similar Species: Colors of male Painted Bunting are unique and unmistakable. Compared it to picture in Audubon Field Guide to North American Birds.

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species: None but we keep a yard list of birds we see.

Are you positive of your ID? : Yes. See photos, which matched exactly to Audubon Field Guide photo. Colors of this bird are vivid and not easily confused.

References:

During Observation: Audubon Field Guide to North American Birds.

After Observation: Audubon Field Guide to North American Birds.

Date of report: 3/25/03

Signature of Observer: Forrest B. and Mary A. Coburn

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)

Date of Sighting: 16 February 2003 to 22 April 2003

Location: LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): Frances Nankin, Ivan Punchatz, Suzanne Horlacher, Forrest Coburn, Mary Coburn

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Frances Nankin, Ivan Punchatz, Suzanne Horlacher, Forrest Coburn, Mary Coburn

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
G. Amistead R. Witmer	X							
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

3/16/05