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UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

**Species (common & scientific):** Painted Bunting (*Passarina Ciris*)

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

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

**Date Seen:** 2/19/05    **Time: Approx.** 3 PM - 4 PM

**Where Seen** (Town/County: Northampton Twp., Bucks Co.

**Exact Location** (Park, Road, Lake): Corner of Holland Rd. and E. Holland Rd.

**Observer Reporting:**

**Name:** August Mirabella

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**Other Observers** (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you): The bird was first reported 2/6 at a nearby home by Beverly Ilenda and then 2/12 at the above location by Paul and Jean Edwards where the bird stayed through the season.

**Distance to Bird:** 15 feet

**Viewing Conditions** (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Bright

**Optical Equipment Used:** 7X42 Zeiss Bins.

**Habitat:** Landscaped small yard with shrubs and feeders. Residential area with mature shrubs and trees.

**Description** (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage: Typical bright male with red underparts, blue head, green back, dark olive wings and dark tail. Smaller than the House Sparrows it was with.

**Behavior** (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): Feeding at hanging feeders, drinking at birdbath, and sitting partially hidden in shrubs.

**Vocalizations:** None

**Supporting Evidence if Any** (include with report):

My video submitted with written doc. Photo by Adrian Binns already submitted to Nick Pulcinella.

**Separation from Similar Species** (How you eliminated others): Too unique to compare.

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

**Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species:** Have seen a few times.

**Are you positive of your ID?** (Why or why not): Yes, typical plumage.

**References:**

During Observation: None

After Observation: Sibley's; my video

**Date of report:** 3/24/05

**Signature of Observer:** August Mirabella



**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation – Round One**

Species: Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)  
 Date of Sighting: 2 February 2005 to 28 February 2005  
 Location: NOTHAMPTON TWONSHIP  
 County : BUCKS  
 Observer(s): August Mirabella et al.

Date of Submission: 2005  
 Submitted by: August Mirabella, Adrian Binns

Written Description: Yes                      Photo: Yes                      Specimen: No                      Recording: Video

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

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) 

Date: 01/26/05