

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-02-11 19:23:32
Observer's Name	Holly Merker
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Observer's Address	520 Baintree Run Downingtown PA 19335 United States
Names of additional observers	Ann Williams (property owner)
Species (Common Name)	Painted Bunting
Species (Scientific Name)	Passerina ciris
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	unknown if this was an immature male, or female
Observation Date and Time	01-27-2016 10:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
Link to eBird checklist	Home owner did not want it in there while the bird was still present;
County	Chester
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Marshallton
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lucky Hill Rd
Habitat	backyard bird feeder
Distance to bird	15 feet, but through glass
Viewing conditions	overcast
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 8.5 x 42 binoculars, Canon 7D with 300mm lens + 1.4 extender
Description	This was a small greenish-yellow passerine, with a hefty conical bill, and pale eye-ring. The back feathers were a sharp lime green, and the underside bright yellow under the tail and on the flanks.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

This was a bird that was only known to me, since the homeowner contacted me asking if a Yellow Warbler should be making an appearance at her feeder in January. While I viewed it, the bird was attending a backyard feeder

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

No other bird I could think of would be predominantly green, and with a bunting type conical bill. All North American Warblers could be eliminated by the size (just slightly smaller than house finch), and bill shape

Are you positive of your identification? (Why or why not)

Yes

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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