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Report to Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Species: Yellow-headed Blackbird (female).

Locality: Smith's Marsh, about one mile west of Conneaut Lake Park, Crawford County, PA.

Date: June 29, 1997

Observers: Robert C. Leberman and Ronald F. Leberman.

Observed for several minutes, from the car window (at a distance as close as 15-20 feet), the bird was studied as it fed among aquatic vegetation and hovered over an area of open water covered by a mat of duck weed. The bird's crown, wing, back, tail and lower underparts were mostly a dusky brown color. The breast was golden-yellow, and we could observe the yellowish stripe over the eye, the yellowish throat, and just a tinge of yellow on the cheek. (It was not the yellow-orange that female Red-wings can show over the eye and on the throat, and with which we as banders are very familiar.) The lower breast was lightly streaked with white; there was no white on the wings or edging the primaries. There were several female Red-winged Blackbirds nesting (actually, carrying fecal sacks and food for young) at the same site, so comparisons were obvious. On several return visits to the area over the next two weeks we failed to relocate the bird. This appears to be the first report of the species in Pennsylvania for late June.

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)

Date of Sighting: 29 June 1997 to 29 June 1997

Location: CONNEAUT LAKE PARK

County: CRAWFORD

Observer(s): Robert & Ronald Leberman

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Robert & Ronald Leberman

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
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F. Haas			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
K. Parkes			X					
R. Ickes			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
T. Floyd			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

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