## PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Yellow - headed Blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus) Subspecies, if known
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SEX(ES) Maje
AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable):
DATE OF OBSERVATION 13 May 2003 TIME about 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
LOCATION (city, borough, township) Tobyhanna, PA - Coolbaugh township - Monroe county
EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) in backyard of Betty Knecht's home on Main Street
Name Brian Hardiman
Address <u>PO Box 106</u> City <u>Columbia</u> State <u>NJ</u> ZIP <u>07832</u> e-mail (optional) <u>hardiman @ nac.nef</u> phone (optional) <u>(908) 496-8460</u>
OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):
HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) mowed yard with scattered trees to open grassy greas, other houses nearby. Stream & marshy area also nearby.  DISTANCE TO BIRD observed bird at distances ranging from 20 feet to 100 feet.  VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) mostly cloudy skies, windy \$ cold, temperature mid to low 50°s F. Sun hidden behind clouds.
OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Zeiss 7 x 42 binoculars
DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):  Noticeably larger than near by Red-winged Blackbirds & Brown-headed Combirds but with similar proportions. Yellow on head covers head completely, from back of
head & nape extending to throat & breast. Rest of body black except white edge showing on wings at rest, white wing patches showing in flight. Large, pointy black bill. Small amount of black around eyes with black loves on otherwise yellow head.
(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) First observed perched in tree above						
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## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Yellow-headed Blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus)

Date of Sighting: 12 May 2003 to 13 May 2003

Location: TOBYHANNA County: MONROE

Observer(s): Brian Hardiman

Date of Submission: 2003 Submitted by: Brian Hardiman

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

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DECISION			X					

**Comments:** 

Signature (Secretary)

Date: 3/1/05'