

Yellow-headed Blackbird

5 March 2006 West Chester, Chester Co., PA

A male Yellow-headed Blackbird was observed feeding with red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles at our backyard feeder. The bird was seen on three separate occasions for a total viewing time of about 10 minutes.

General description: a blackbird slightly larger than a Common Grackle with yellow extending from the head to about mid-breast and including the nape. There was also a small bit of yellow on the lower belly. In flight, the dark wings showed a white wing patch on the primary coverts.

Similar species: no other North American blackbird shows this pattern of bright darkyellow head on a completely black body and white wing patches.

Nick Pulcinella

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Yellow-headed Blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus)

Date of Sighting: 5 March 2006 to 5 March 2006

Location: WEST CHESTER

County: CHESTER

Observer(s): Nick Pulcinella, Sharon Pulcinella

Date of Submission: 2006 Submitted by: Nick Pulcinella

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
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	×							
T. Johnson	×							
J. Stanley	x							
E. Witmer	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh								
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	×							

Comments: 70

Signature (Secretary)

Date:

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