

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	101 Bridle Path New Holland PA 17557 United States
Names of additional observers	Zachary Millen
Species (Common Name)	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Species (Scientific Name)	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult male
Observation Date and Time	01-16-2016 11:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S26926835
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Paradise
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	~2200 Mine Rd
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.949018, -76.082400
Habitat	Farm fields
Distance to bird	~30m
Viewing conditions	Clear, sunny
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 8x42

Description	<p>Adult male observed well, but briefly as part of a large blackbird flock totaling at least 80k birds according to my checklist. I searched for quite a few hours throughout the morning and hit upon several flocks in the greater southeast Lancaster area, but was unsuccessful in finding YHBL. I chased this flock upon getting an RBA from Ted Nichols II, Meredith Lombard and Mike Epler who had found two YHBL. I joined them and followed the flock as it rolled through fields heading southwest from White Oak Rd, the location of the eBird checklist and where the flock was first observed. I intercepted them at Mine Rd, and finally this adult male settled into the field in front of me, bright yellow head and chest gleaming in the sunlight. Shape and size overall was of a blackbird, with a black body and face mask. The other group photographed two males, one adult and one immature which can be seen at this checklist https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S26947128 The adult male I viewed was almost certainly the same bird. I did not personally take any photos of this bird, unfortunately. Time of observation was sometime in the 11AM hour.</p>
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	<p>This bird was part of a massive blackbird flock totalling over 80k birds, rolling through farm fields gleaning food.</p>
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	<p>Yes</p>
During	<p>None</p>
After	<p>None</p>
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