PA Rare Bird Report

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Species (Common Name) Yellow-headed Blackbird

Species (Scientific Name) xanthocephalus

Number of individuals

Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)

female

Observation Date and Time 04-18-2018 7:30 AM

Did you submit this sighting to eBird?

Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)

County Bucks

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Habitat

Description

Furlong (Buckingham Township)

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)

bird feeder in back yard situated at edge of woodlot

Townhouse community - our unit backs up to a 45 acre woodlot

Distance to bird 40 feet

Viewing conditions sunny day

Optical equipment used Nakec eye and Nikon camera with 300mm lens

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Blackbird with yellow upper chest, and much yellow on head and face. Black on face. All brown wings and body with no white in wings in flight. Bird was associating with a flock of about a dozen Red-winged Blackbirds and three Brown-headed Cowbirds.

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

bird was eating sunflower hearts at bird feeder and foraged on ground within 3 meters of feeder. Bird visited feeder and immediate area off and on during day. Bird was last seen at 18:30 in the evening. It was not seen on subsequent days.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Bright yellow color on head and chest

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

Yes. Bird is unmistakable. Could not be confused with anything else.

During

Sibley

After

Sibley and internet photos

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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