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Species <del>Brewer's Blackbird</del>	Number 1
Sighting Date 12-16-89	Sighting Time 1 PM
Location	Co. St. York Co. Pa. Distance nearest Town about 1/2 mi W Merges Mills along RR tracks Directions near Spring Grove
Habitat	Swampy area grassy fed by a spring. Bird was in a tree
Conditions	Light Bright Sun Distance 50 ft Equipment 8-30 Nikon Length of Time 5 min
Description	Voice Size 9" Plumage Purple head greenish body no browns  Anatomy Bill short Tail square  Behavior Was traveling with about 20 grackles + 4 RWB blackbirds. Flew into tree + sat there. They then moved on.
Familiarity	Kept band several in the mid 1950's along with several of the boys from Patuput at Sheppard Mgmt Dam (SW York Co)
Comparison other Species	Same size as the red-winged blackbird it was with
Photo	<del>No other report</del>
	No other Reports.
Comments	The roasts in those years numbered upward to 10 million blackbirds. Several methods were tried to eliminate them. In their daily travels they were tracked by plane as far as West Chester, 100 mi + SW. 12000 recent years
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Signature	Al Spiese Date

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also saw dead Brewer's Blackbirds (a few) in the nesting areas at Codorus St Park + surrounding areas. Nests were in York Co from 1949 to 1982.

1 PM Sighting Time

Sighting Date 7-16-82

Location  
Distance nearest town about 1/2 mi W Maryland  
Miles along RR tracks  
Directions near Spring House  
Co + St. York Co. Pa.

Habitat  
Swampy area growing tall poplar - forest

Conditions  
Length of Time 2 min  
Elevation 80 ft  
Distance 20 ft  
Light Bright Sun

Description  
Always Purple head previous body on brown  
Ribs all  
Voice  
Action: bird that the square  
Brewer's Blackbird with chest so dark  
A few blackbirds flew into trees but then they  
were scattered on

Familiarity: I had heard several in the mid 1950's along  
with several of the birds from the York Co. area  
(York Co. Pa.)

Comparison: other species seen also red-winged  
blackbirds it was rare

5000

No other reports

Comments: This species is common in York County and is  
10 miles. Blackbirds were found to be  
there. There is a large area of  
for a first sighting in York Co. + the  
area

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Date 7-16-82

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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round # / of**

Species: **Brewer's Blackbird**

Date of Sighting: **December 16, 1989**

Observer(s): **Al Spiese**

Date of Submission: **1990 York**

Submitted by: **Al Spiese**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
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E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas				X			
F. Haas				X			
R. Leberman						X	
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe			X				
<b>TOTALS</b>			2	4		1	
<b>DECISION</b>				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*B. M. Haas*

Date:

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