

PORE

Lawrence Co.

July 28, 1990



A Cedar waxwing w/ a red orange band at the tail tip bathed on a lily pad in my bath tub sized pond. It flew up into a branch of a dogwood tree and preened. The dogwood about 10' away from the pond. Then it flew off. It was with 3 or 4 other Cedar waxwings and the others had the normal yellow band at the tail tip.

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Sunny day - 3:30 PM.

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Sept 28, 1990

Brewer's Blackbird

I was sitting at my desk at 321 E. Meyer - New Castle, PA, facing the north window of the studio. I looked up at the feeder 15' away from where I was sitting and was astonished to see a male Brewer's Blackbird on my feeder (open tray) eye level - The feeder was full of black oil seed. I keep my binoculars on the desk but no need for them. The Brewer's Blackbird was in the feeder tray w/ 2 male Cowbirds. Grackles and about 12 other Cowbirds were drinking at the pond 10' behind the feeder. A few more Cowbirds and gophers were feeding at cracked corn which I had poured onto a flat rock about 15' north east of the feeder (on the ground) I also had house finch Cardinal (feeding 1 young) several Mourning dove and

Brewers (cont.)

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a goldfinch here in the yard. The Brewer was in the tray and put his head down several times but I couldn't tell if it actually ate the sunflower oil seed. I had a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch view ^(of the bird). The bird was facing a south westerly direction and I viewed its left side. The bird was all black and glossy. The bird was longer than Cowbird — shorter than C. grackle. Its Tail shorter than grackles. Its bill shorter than grackles.

The bird entirely black except for the pale yellowish whitish eye. No rust on the bird anywhere. The head showed a brilliant violet purple — near the top of the breast the violet purple went into a periwinkle blue also ultra marine and azure blue color. The greenish gloss on the body not so striking as the blue and purple on the head neck and upper breast. The bird was in full sunshine. I decided to reach behind me for the camera and try to get a shot off. I had watched the bird for at least a full minute and a half. When I turned to reach for the camera, I spooked the bird and it turned around in the tray so that its right side was now facing me and the bird was facing east. I grabbed the camera but the bird flew off the tray and all I caught was a glimpse of a shadowy flight between the hemlocks and my east studio windows. The Cow birds remained at the feeder.

Flocks of about 40 cowbirds and grackles — starlings had been coming to the yard all month.

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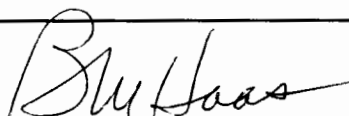
Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Brewer's Blackbird**Date of Sighting: **September 28, 1990**Observer(s): **Barbara Dean**Date of Submission: **1990 Lawrence**Submitted by: **Barbara Dean**

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