

8 June 1994

Gloria Lamer
R.D. 1 Box 183-d
Penn Run, PA 15765

Dear Gloria,

Thank you for submitting details on the Brewer's Blackbird at Yellow Creek State Park on 14 November 1992. We regret that we are unable to accept this record at the present time as several committee members felt that other icterid species such as Brown-headed Cowbird and Common Grackle were not convincingly eliminated. This does not of course mean that the bird wasn't a Brewer's Blackbird, but merely that the details received did not allow for a definite determination. If you have any further details, we urge you to resubmit this record to P.O.R.C.

We encourage you to document and submit any rare birds you see in the future.

Sincerely,

Ed Kwater
Chairman

Record # 861-02-1992

RARE SPECIES REPORT

861-02-1992

SPECIES: <u>Brewer's Blackbird</u>		NUMBER SEEN: <u>1</u>
SIGHTING DATE: <u>11.14.92</u>		SIGHTING TIME: <u>9:30-9:35 A.M.</u>
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: <u>Yellow Creek State Park, Indiana County</u> DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: <u>State Park - S. Side of Lake - small brush and willows, some cattails, Mature Maples, Oaks and Hemlocks. Mixed</u>		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: <u>Clear</u> DISTANCE: <u>75 yards</u> EQUIP. USED: <u>Celestron C-90 Spotting Scope</u> LENGTH OF SIGHTING: <u>5 minutes</u>	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: <u>—</u> SIZE: <u>Same size as Red-winged Blackbird (9 in.)</u> PLUMAGE: <u>Dull off-brown color. I noticed a faint line above the eye (supercilium) just a shade lighter than rest of bird. The eye of this bird was completely dark. It had dark legs and bill.</u> ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): <u>Tail appeared to be longer than that of a Red-wing. Bill was</u> BEHAVIOR: <u>Straight and conical not decurved.</u> <u>Perched atop a Hemlock</u>	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>Several East Coast Trips.</u>		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>This bird did not have any heavy streaking as a female Red-wing. This bird had a dark eye not yellow as in Rusty Blackbird.</u>		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <u>No</u> IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? <u>No</u>		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): <u>Other observers: Greg Cook, Don Koch and Georgetown Sister. All have had previous experiences with Brewer's blackbird.</u>		
SIGHTING & REPORT BY: <u>Gloria Lanier</u>		
ADDRESS: <u>RD#1 Box 183-d</u> <u>Penn Run, PA. 15765</u>		PHONE # <u>412 349-1159</u>
SIGNATURE <u>Gloria A. Lanier</u>		DATE: <u>Nov. 14, 1992</u>

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: **Brewer's Blackbird**

Date of Sighting: **14 November 1992 to 14 November 1992**

Observer(s): **Gloria Lamer, Greg Cook**

Date of Submission: **1992 Indiana**

Submitted by: **Gloria Lamer, Greg Cook**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
✓ E. Kwater			X				
✓ B. Haas				X			
✓ F. Haas				X			
✓ R. Ickes			X				
✓ G. McWilliams				X			
✓ S. Santner				X			
J. Skinner				X			
TOTALS			2	5			
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

11/14/93

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Brewer's Blackbird**

Date of Sighting: **14 November 1992 to 14 November 1992**

Observer(s): **Gloria Lamer, Greg Cook**

Date of Submission: **Don Koch**

Submitted by: **Georgette Syster**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas				X			
R. Ickes			X				
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner			X				
J. Skinner				X			
TOTALS			4	3			
DECISION							

Comments:

Go to second Round.

Signature (Secretary):

Date: