

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
2469 Hammertown Road  
Narvon, PA 17555

June, 11, 1996

Rich Koval  
305 William Street  
Plains, PA 18705

Dear Rich,

Thank you for submitting details on the female Brewer's Blackbird you saw at Ply Flats, Luzerne County on 23 January 1995 to P.O.R.C. The record circulated the committee for two rounds and after careful review, A few committee members felt that the description submitted was too brief, and that details regarding length, body shape, head, wings and tail color would have been helpful. This of course, does not mean the bird was not a female Brewer's Blackbird, merely, that the details did not allow for a concrete determination.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella  
Chairman

Record # 861-03-1995

P.S. If it is any consolation, I voted for acceptance.

Brewer's Blackbird --- Luzerne

1/23/95 ply flats

Female among 25 redwings. Observed a catbird-grey plumaged bird, non-streaked breast about the size of a redwinged maybe smaller. Bill was similar as a rusty , eyes were dark. In flight no wing bars and flight call was a chuck, not cowbird like. No rusty tones whatsoever. The bird flocked with redwings when flushed. Bill color was dark and thin not conical like cowbirds.

*in notes*

861-03-1995

*Rich Kowal*

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: **Brewer's Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus)**

Date of Sighting: **23 January 1995 to 23 January 1995**

Location: **PLY FLATS**

County: **LUZERNE**

Observer(s): **Rich Koval**

Date of Submission: **1995**

Submitted by: **Rich Koval**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **NO** Specimen: **NONONE**

Recording:

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein			/			X		
TOTALS			5	1		1		
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

5-1-96

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*)

Date of Sighting: 23 January 1995 to 23 January 1995

Location: PLY FLATS

County: LUZERNE

Observer(s): Rich Koval

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Rich Koval

Written Description: YES Photo: NO Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein						X		
TOTALS			5	1		1		
DECISION								

Comments: *Send for second Round.*

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

*9-19-95*