

February 22, 2005

David Hawk
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Thank you for sending the description and video of the Brewer's Blackbirds you found on March 24, 2001. Four out of the seven members of the records committee did not feel confident that they could identify the birds based on the video or the written description. Most members mentioned that they did not feel that Rusty Blackbird was ruled out.

Thankfully Brewer's Blackbird was removed from the review list in 2003. This is a species familiar to birder's and which poses more of a problem in the description than in the identification. It is a rare but regular fall-early spring visitor to the state and has a fairly predictable pattern of occurrence. The records committee felt that there was not much else to be gained from reviewing additional documentation of the species.

Sincerely

Matt Sharp
Chair: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee.



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COMMENTS: On March 24, 2001 Rob Barowski & David Hawk observed
a ♀ + ♂ Brewer's Blackbird - Female chocolate brown overall
dark eye. Male looked like Common Grackle except short tail,
yellow eye. A video is available.

(from Dave Hawk)

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Brewer's Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus)

Date of Sighting: 24 March 2001 to 24 March 2001

Location: LEIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

County: CARBON

Observer(s): Rob Barowski, David Hawk

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: David Hawk

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

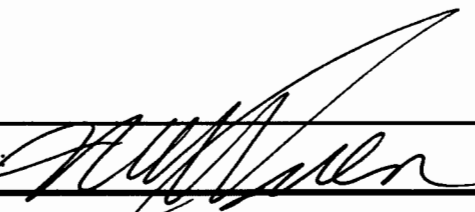
Specimen: No

Recording: Video

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead			X	X				
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Hess	X							
J. Stanley				X				
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman				X				
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS	3			4				
DECISION				X				

Comments: 3/4

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 8/2/03