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October 20, 1989

Mrs. Barbara M. Haas  
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2459 Hammertown Road  
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~~Unrecordable!~~

Dec 17, 1977

Dear Barb,

Enclosed is a copy of my report on the Boat-Tail Grackle, seen on CBC day for Lower Bucks County in 1977. (I'm sorry, the date isn't on the form and I didn't get a chance to look it up.)

This was a count before they used the report forms we now use. Unfortunately, I did not do a more thorough documentation or photograph the bird, because at that time I was not aware of how rare or unusual it would be in Bucks County or Pennsylvania. However, I was thoroughly familiar with Boat-tails then, as now, and there is absolutely no question about it.

Nevertheless, Jim Merritt was then doing the screening of CBC reports and rejected the sighting without even an inquiry, presumedly because at that time he didn't know me from Adam.

Regarding Hoary Redpolls, I will have to double check my old movies for I believe I do have movies of the Hoary Redpoll at my feeder. Aug Mirabello was keeping track of another Hoary Redpoll outside of Hatfield that same winter and might have some records on it.

Finally, I believe I also have some old movies of the Eurasian Goldfinch at Bill Trumbauer's feeder (again I don't remember the year). That was the year about 4 or 5 Eurasian Goldfinches appeared simultaneously in Easton, Pa. and New Jersey and a couple more in New England right after a hurricane. Alan Brady had hypothesized that the hurricane deposited them here from the

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Bermuda population, for there were no reports of escapes and they all appeared at different locations about the same time. Elaine Mease also had one at her feeder the same time Bill Trumbauer had his.

I'll get back to you after I have a chance to check further.

Best regards,



William Hart Rufe, III

WHR:bkm  
Enclosure

*Laurel*  
~~UPPER~~ BUCKS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - YEAR 1977

DATE:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPLETE ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>FEE PAID</u>
<u>PARTY MEMBERS:</u>				
(1)	HART RIFE	146 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE, PA. 18960	257-6308	\$1.50
(2)	JIM MCENERNEY	138 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE, PA. 18960	257-4942	\$1.50
(3)	DON FARLEE	75 FOXGROVE DRIVE DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901	348-3242	\$1.50
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

NOTE: There is a fee of \$1.<sup>50</sup>~~00~~ for every participant, including feeder watchers. All observers must pay the fee and be listed above. The fee is not optional and must be paid for each count the observer participates in if the observer participates in additional counts other than Upper Bucks.

PARTY HOURS AND MILES:

Total party hours 9, on foot 7, by car 2.  
Total party miles 32, on foot 6, by car 26.  
Total feeder watching hours by feeder watchers only     .  
DO NOT INCLUDE FEEDER HOURS IN TOTAL PARTY HOURS.

NOTE: If all observers stay together, it is one party, if a party splits into two parties for part of the time, that time counts twice, both as to hours and miles. One person may constitute a "party" for this purpose.

TIME AND TEMPERATURE:

Start 6:45, Lunch     , Stop 3:45, Temp.      F. to      F.

NOTE: Mark totals for all birds observed on the attached sheet. The attached list includes a composite of all birds recorded in the preceding Upper Bucks Counts. Any species marked with an asterisk or any new bird not included on this list requires further explanatory information as follows: a full description of all field marks actually observed including size, shape and color pattern, voice (if heard), behavior and habitat, as well as location, date, time, weather, light, distance, optical equipment and names of actual observers.

PLEASE MAIL THIS REPORT, WITH FEES WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DAY OF COUNT TO:

Joseph Pearson, 608 N. Washington Ave., Sellersville, Pa. 18960  
215-257-7613

# PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

2459 Hammertown Road  
Narvon, Pennsylvania 17555-9726

28 September 1990

## BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

The following is my best guess at the report submitted on the Boat-tailed Grackle. The original is attached for your convenience!

"The Boat-tailed Grackle broke out of the great flock of blackbirds and caused one of the other party members to call, "Look, a hawk!" My immediate reaction was "Look at that tail!" but it can't be a hawk because it's all black. Fortunately the bird settled in the top of a tree about 150 yds. away and sat long enough for us to study it through the Questar telescope. It had the dark iridescent blue sheen of the boat-tail as well as that monstrous long tail. All three party members observed it through the Questar.

Once again we saw that great flock of black birds that flew in a great wave over Core Creek Park. It started at 7:05 and the wave itself ended at 7:47 although there were numerous small straggling groups after it. We estimated that approximately 200 birds passed a given point within one second and multiplied that out for 42 minutes to get 504,000 birds. The breakdown between redwings, grackles, starlings and cowbirds represents our best estimate of the respective percentage, although such an estimate is very difficult for the early part of the wave was clearly predominantly redwings with a few of the other species; toward the end of the wave it was almost exclusively grackles with only a few of the other species mixed in. We did not count any more blackbirds of the four species for the rest of the day (?in the thought?) that they were all included in that first early morning flight although we saw one enormous flock of starlings about 7:30 p.m. that may well have been a separate flock because it was very tight knit without any other species mixed in. There were probably 15,000 - 20,000 in that one flock alone. However,, we did not add it to the total estimated in the morning.

Typed by Barbara Haas

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Once again we saw that great flock of black birds that flew in a great wave over Cove Creek park. It started at 7:05 and the wave itself ended at 7:47 although there were numerous small straggling groups after it. We estimated that approximately 200 birds passed a given point within one second and multiplied that out for 42 minutes to get 504,000 birds. The breakdown between redwings, grackles, starlings and cowbirds represents our best estimate of the respective percentages, although such an estimate is very difficult for the early part of the wave - was clearly predominantly redwings with a few of the other species; toward the end of the wave it was almost exclusively grackles with only a few of the other species mixed in. We did not count any more blackbirds of the four species for the rest of the day in the morning that they were all included in that first early morning flight, although we saw one enormous flock of starlings about 2:30 pm that may well have been a separate flock because it was very tight and without any other species mixed in. There were probably 2000-20,000 in that one flock alone. However, we did not add it to the total estimated in the morning.

*Common Loon	*Orange-fronted Parakeet	Starling - 50,000
Pied Billed Grebe	Barn Owl	Yellow rumped Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Screech Owl 2	*Pine Warbler
Canada Goose - 315	Great Horned Owl - 2	*Palm Warbler
*Snow Goose	Long-eared Owl	*Yellow Throat
Mallard - 135	Saw-whet Owl	House Sparrow - 3
Black Duck - 32	Belted Kingfisher - 2 (1 ♂, 1 ♀)	Eastern Meadowlark
Pintail	Yellow-shafted Flicker - 1	Red-winged Blackbird - 250,000
Am. Widgeon - 2	Pileated Woodpecker	*Baltimore Oriole
Wood Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Common Grackle 200,000
Ring-necked Duck	Red-headed Woodpecker	Brown-headed Cowbird - 4,000
Common Goldeneye	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Cardinal 74
Bufflehead	Hairy Woodpecker - 1	Evening Grosbeak
Common Merganser	Downy Woodpecker 43	Purple Finch - 80
Red Breasted Merganser	*Eastern Phoebe	House Finch - 340
Turkey Vulture	Horned Lark	*Pine Grosbeak
Goshawk	Blue Jay - 85	Common Redpoll
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Common Crow - 56	Pine Siskin
Cooper's Hawk	Black capped Chickadee - 46	Am. Goldfinch - 59
Red-tailed Hawk - 4	*Carolina Chickadee	*White-winged Crossbill
Red-shouldered Hawk	Tufted Titmouse - 8	Rufous-sided Towhee - 4
Rough Legged Hawk	White Breasted Nuthatch - 41	Savannah Sparrow
Marsh Hawk	Red Breasted Nuthatch	Vesper Sparrow - 9
*Peregrine Falcon	Brown Creeper	Dark-eyed Junco (slt. col.) - 91
*Pigeon Hawk - Merlin	*House Wren	Tree Sparrow - 20
Sparrow Hawk - Kestrel - 3	Winter Wren	Field Sparrow - 29
Ruffed Grouse	Carolina Wren	White-crowned Sparrow - 1
Bob White	Mockingbird - 13	Fox Sparrow - 2
Ring-necked Pheasant - 3	Catbird	Swamp Sparrow - 14
Turkey	Brown Thrasher	Song Sparrow - 66
*Virginia Rail	Robin	Snow Bunting
Am. Coot	Hermit Thrush	*BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE 1 (seen)
Killdeer - 1	*Gray Cheeked Thrush	WHITE THROATED SPARROWS - 439
Am. Woodcock	Eastern Bluebird	LESSER SCAUP - 4
Common Snipe	Golden-crowned Kinglet	
Herring Gull - 3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
Ring-billed Gull - 1	Water Pipit	
Rock Dove - 6	Cedar Waxwing	
Mourning Dove - 186	*Loggerhead Shrike	

45 SPECIES

\* Any species marked with an asterisk or any new bird not included on this list requires further explanatory information as follows: a full description of all field marks actually observed, including size, shape and color pattern, voice (if heard), behavior and habitat, as well as location, date, time, weather, light, distance, optical equipment and names of actual observers.

38; Rusty Blackbird 2; Com. Grackle 3; Brown-headed Cowbird 29; Cardinal 120; Evening Grosbeak 166; Com. Redpoll 9; Am. Goldfinch 85; White-winged Crossbill 1; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 96; Tree Sparrow 153; Field Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 18; Swamp Sparrow 3; Song Sparrow 32; Snow Bunting 17.

**Total**, 60 species; about 13,906 individuals. (In count area count week but not seen count day: Ring-necked Pheasant, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull.)—Bonnie Baird, James Baird, Rich Chafey, Sara Flaugh, Ronald Harrell (compiler—428 Park Ave., Meadville PA 16335), Mary Leberman, Robert Leberman, Ronald Leberman, Brian McHugh, Marty McKay, Imogene Mute, Clara Nicolls, John Robb, Marlyn Robb, Wayne Sherretts. (LN-5.2).

**325. Lititz, Pa.** 40°11'N 76°18'W, center Brickerville, as described 1972; elevation 387 to 609 ft.; habitat coverage, as described 1977.—Dec. 26; 5:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clear. Temp. 11° to 32°F. Wind NW, 22 m.p.h. No snow cover. Water open. Wild food crop good. Seventeen observers, 14 in 7 parties, 3 at feeders. Total party-hours, 57 (26 on foot, 31 by car) plus 12 at feeders; total party-miles, 180 (21 on foot, 159 by car).

● Pied-billed Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 14; Canada Goose 20,025; Snow Goose (blue form) 2; Mallard 2049; Black Duck 200; Gadwall 3; Pintail 4; Am. Wigeon 3; Ring-necked Duck 60; Canvasback 20; Greater Scaup 29; Lesser Scaup 3; Com. Merganser 15; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Turkey Vulture 8; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 20; Rough-legged Hawk 10; Marsh Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 17; Ruffed Grouse 2; Ring-necked Pheasant 52 (low); Am. Coot 1; Killdeer 4; Com. Snipe 12; Rock Dove 114; Mourning Dove 213; Screech Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 3; Long-eared Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Com. (Yel-sh.) Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 7; Red-headed Woodpecker 1; Hairy Woodpecker 8; Downy Woodpecker 35; Horned Lark 550; Blue Jay 51; Com. Crow 2090; Fish Crow 2; Black-capped Chickadee 88; Carolina Chickadee 4; Tufted Titmouse 48; White-breasted Nuthatch 31; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 4; Mockingbird 35; Brown Thrasher 4; Am. Robin 58; Hermit Thrush 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; Cedar Waxwing 4; Starling 4355; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 2; House Sparrow 659; E. Meadowlark 17; Com. Grackle 8; Brown-headed Cowbird 201; Cardinal 74; Evening Grosbeak 15; Purple Finch 17; House Finch 43; Pine Siskin 49; Am. Goldfinch 124; Rufous-sided Towhee 2; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 281; Tree Sparrow 76; Field Sparrow 8; White-crowned Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 57; Swamp Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 51; Snow Bunting 7.

**Total**, 79 species; about 32,459 individuals.—Jay Eisenhauer Jr., Kathy and Steve Flaim, Elizabeth Foreman, Paul Foreman, Donald Garner, Jay George, Russell Market, Harold Morrin, Gene Rannels, Charles Regennas (compiler—130 W Lemon St., Lititz PA 17543), Dorothy and Margie Rutbell, Jan Witmer. (LT-5.7).

**326. Lock Haven-Jersey Shore, Pa.** 41°08'N 77°22'W, center 2 mi. S and 0.5 mi. E of McElhattan, as described 1972; elevation 530 to 2293 ft.; habitat coverage: woodland 26%, cultivated fields 21%, brushy fields 19%, residential 17%, river, streams, ponds 17%.—Dec. 31; 5

a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A.M.: mostly cloudy. P.M.: overcast. Temp. 23° to 41°F. Wind E, 0-10 m.p.h. Snow cover 0 to 4 in. Water partly open. Wild food crop good. Thirty observers, 24 in 15 parties, 6 at feeders. Total party-hours, 95 (35 on foot, 60 by car) plus 15 at feeders; total party-miles, 717 (49 on foot, 668 by car).

● Horned Grebe 3; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Great Blue Heron 7; Canada Goose 100; Mallard 360; Black Duck 197; Pintail 1; Wood Duck 2; Com. Goldeneye 6; Com. Merganser 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 31; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Rough-legged Hawk 13; Marsh Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 28; Ruffed Grouse 1; Bobwhite 5; Turkey 1; Killdeer 4; Rock Dove 855; Mourning Dove 189; Screech Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 8; Belted Kingfisher 5; Com. (Yel-sh.) Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Hairy Woodpecker 21; Downy Woodpecker 66; Horned Lark 6; Blue Jay 151; Com. Raven 7; Com. Crow 538; Black-capped Chickadee 192; Tufted Titmouse 87; White-breasted Nuthatch 65; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 9; Mockingbird 12; Hermit Thrush 1; Cedar Waxwing 3; Starling 1598; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 3; House Sparrow 445; E. Meadowlark 6; Red-winged Blackbird 110; N. (Baltimore) Oriole 1; Rusty Blackbird 21; Com. Grackle 159; Brown-headed Cowbird 105; Cardinal 127; Evening Grosbeak 312; Purple Finch 15; House Finch 61; Hoary Redpoll 1; Com. Redpoll 90; Pine Siskin 38; Am. Goldfinch 94; White-winged Crossbill 1; Rufous-sided Towhee 2; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 379; Tree Sparrow 227; Field Sparrow 32; White-throated Sparrow 194; Swamp Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 76.

**Total**, 70 species; about 7122 individuals. (In count area count week but not seen count day: Snow Bunting.)—William Anderson, Blair and Mary Carbaugh, Morton Claster, Kay Crisanti, Charles Ferree Jr., Hayes Galitski, Georgianna Hartzel, Angeline and Cecil Hazlett, Terry Hendricks, Wayne Laubscher, Jean Leshner, John Lundy, Jack McKernan, Paul Moser, Howard and William Moudy, Timothy Olnick, Wesley Pedlow Jr., Parker Peer, Marlin Remick, Samuel Rockey, Charles and Vesta Schach, Glenna and Paul Schwalbe (compiler—Lock Haven State College, Lock Haven PA 17745), Emma Thompson, James and Kenneth Vanemon. (West Branch Bird Club). (LH-9.5).

**327. Lower Bucks County, Pa.** 40°11'N 74°54'W, center Fairless Junction; elevation 0 to 350 ft.; area and habitat coverage as described 1975.—Dec. 17; 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A.M.: mostly cloudy. P.M.: overcast. Temp. 28° to 40°F. Wind NE, 0-5 m.p.h. No snow cover. Water partly open. Forty-eight observers, 44 in 13 parties, 4 at feeders. Total party-hours, 102 (78 on foot, 24 by car) plus 11 at feeders; total party-miles, 268 (63 on foot, 205 by car).

● Pied-billed Grebe 5; Great Blue Heron 6; Black-crowned Night Heron 2; Canada Goose 3801; Snow Goose 5; Mallard 606; Black Duck 236; Am. Wigeon 52; N. Shoveler 2; Wood Duck 2; Ring-necked Duck 40; Canvasback 1; Lesser Scaup 54; Com. Goldeneye 2; Bufflehead 30; Hooded Merganser 3; Com. Merganser 3000; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 32; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Marsh Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 38; Ring-necked Pheasant 52; Am. Coot 214; Killdeer 4; Com. Snipe 2; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 22; Herring Gull 10,144; Ring-billed Gull 246; Rock

Dove 256; Mourning Dove 189; Screech Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 8; Belted Kingfisher 5; Com. (Yel-sh.) Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Hairy Woodpecker 21; Downy Woodpecker 66; Horned Lark 6; Blue Jay 151; Com. Raven 7; Com. Crow 538; Black-capped Chickadee 192; Tufted Titmouse 87; White-breasted Nuthatch 65; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 9; Mockingbird 12; Hermit Thrush 1; Cedar Waxwing 3; Starling 1598; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 3; House Sparrow 445; E. Meadowlark 6; Red-winged Blackbird 110; N. (Baltimore) Oriole 1; Rusty Blackbird 21; Com. Grackle 159; Brown-headed Cowbird 105; Cardinal 127; Evening Grosbeak 312; Purple Finch 15; House Finch 61; Hoary Redpoll 1; Com. Redpoll 90; Pine Siskin 38; Am. Goldfinch 94; White-winged Crossbill 1; Rufous-sided Towhee 2; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 379; Tree Sparrow 227; Field Sparrow 32; White-throated Sparrow 194; Swamp Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 76.

**Total**, 82 species; about 7122 individuals. (In count area count week but not seen count day: Snow Bunting.)—Wayne Anderson, Blair and Mary Carbaugh, Morton Claster, Kay Crisanti, Charles Ferree Jr., Hayes Galitski, Georgianna Hartzel, Angeline and Cecil Hazlett, Terry Hendricks, Wayne Laubscher, Jean Leshner, John Lundy, Jack McKernan, Paul Moser, Howard and William Moudy, Timothy Olnick, Wesley Pedlow Jr., Parker Peer, Marlin Remick, Samuel Rockey, Charles and Vesta Schach, Glenna and Paul Schwalbe (compiler—Lock Haven State College, Lock Haven PA 17745), Emma Thompson, James and Kenneth Vanemon. (West Branch Bird Club). (LH-9.5).

**328. Mansfield, Pa.** 40°11'N 74°54'W, center Fairless Junction; elevation 0 to 350 ft.; area and habitat coverage as described 1975.—Dec. 17; 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A.M.: mostly cloudy. P.M.: overcast. Temp. 28° to 40°F. Wind NE, 0-5 m.p.h. No snow cover. Water partly open. Forty-eight observers, 44 in 13 parties, 4 at feeders. Total party-hours, 102 (78 on foot, 24 by car) plus 11 at feeders; total party-miles, 268 (63 on foot, 205 by car).

● Goshawk 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 31; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Rough-legged Hawk 13; Marsh Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 28; Ruffed Grouse 1; Bobwhite 5; Turkey 1; Killdeer 4; Rock Dove 855; Mourning Dove 189; Screech Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 8; Belted Kingfisher 5; Com. (Yel-sh.) Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Hairy Woodpecker 21; Downy Woodpecker 66; Horned Lark 6; Blue Jay 151; Com. Raven 7; Com. Crow 538; Black-capped Chickadee 192; Tufted Titmouse 87; White-breasted Nuthatch 65; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 9; Mockingbird 12; Hermit Thrush 1; Cedar Waxwing 3; Starling 1598; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 3; House Sparrow 445; E. Meadowlark 6; Red-winged Blackbird 110; N. (Baltimore) Oriole 1; Rusty Blackbird 21; Com. Grackle 159; Brown-headed Cowbird 105; Cardinal 127; Evening Grosbeak 312; Purple Finch 15; House Finch 61; Hoary Redpoll 1; Com. Redpoll 90; Pine Siskin 38; Am. Goldfinch 94; White-winged Crossbill 1; Rufous-sided Towhee 2; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 379; Tree Sparrow 227; Field Sparrow 32; White-throated Sparrow 194; Swamp Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 76.

**Total**, 43 species; about 7122 individuals. (In count area count week but not seen count day: Snow Bunting.)—William Anderson, Blair and Mary Carbaugh, Morton Claster, Kay Crisanti, Charles Ferree Jr., Hayes Galitski, Georgianna Hartzel, Angeline and Cecil Hazlett, Terry Hendricks, Wayne Laubscher, Jean Leshner, John Lundy, Jack McKernan, Paul Moser, Howard and William Moudy, Timothy Olnick, Wesley Pedlow Jr., Parker Peer, Marlin Remick, Samuel Rockey, Charles and Vesta Schach, Glenna and Paul Schwalbe (compiler—Lock Haven State College, Lock Haven PA 17745), Emma Thompson, James and Kenneth Vanemon. (West Branch Bird Club). (LH-9.5).

Dove 256; Mourning Dove 841; Screech Owl 21; Great Horned Owl 7; Long-eared Owl 5; Belted Kingfisher 14; Com. (Yel.-sh.) Flicker 28; Red-bellied Woodpecker 9; Hairy Woodpecker 15; Downy Woodpecker 121; Blue Jay 297; Com. Crow 545; Fish Crow 19; Black-capped Chickadee 144; Carolina Chickadee 10; Tufted Titmouse 53; White-breasted Nuthatch 132; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; Brown Creeper 4; Winter Wren 3; Carolina Wren 3; Mockingbird 113; Gray Catbird 3; Am. Robin 319; Hermit Thrush 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Cedar Waxwing 21; Starling 54,508; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 2; House Sparrow 230; E. Meadowlark 10; Red-winged Blackbird 255,264; **Boat-tailed Grackle 1** [?—Ed.]; Com. Grackle 212,240; Brown-headed Cowbird 5703; Cardinal 242; Evening Grosbeak 8; Purple Finch 105; House Finch 711; Pine Siskin 187; Am. Goldfinch 242; Rufous-sided Towhee 7; Savannah Sparrow 1; Vesper Sparrow 9; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 661; Tree Sparrow 104; Field Sparrow 129; White-crowned Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 1773; Fox Sparrow 4; Swamp Sparrow 27; Song Sparrow 263.

**Total, 82 species; about 554,037 individuals.** (In count area count week but not seen count day: Turkey Vulture.)—Wayne Aaronson, Stan Backenstoss, Marge and Ron Bader, Julian Boryszewski, Elizabeth Brady, Diane Brandt, Bill Burford, Ann and John Byron, George and Jean Carmichael, Louella Clayton, Susan Dalrymple, Tom Derbyshire, Christine and Gerard Dewaghe, Jack Dyer, Craig Fox, David Fluri, Phyllis Garverich, Frank Good, Adolph Herzog (compiler—RD 2, Box 113A, New Hope PA 18938); Florence Herzog, Willis Johnson, Joan Kopchik, Alfred Kronschnabel, Fred Little Sr. and Jr., Bob Maly, Jim McInerney, Bob Mercer, Frances Naas, Russell Neiger, Don Parlee, Barry Passmore, George Rowe, Hart Rufe, Douglas Siddell, Pauline Simmons, Fred and Jean Snyder, Don Sparks, Chris Stieber, Gary Stopyra, Bill Thompson, Harry Weintraub, Jim Williams. (Neshaminy Valley Nature Club and guests). (LB-10.2).

**328. Mansfield, Pa. 41°46'N 77°12'W, center** Whitneyville, as described 1975; elevation 1130 to 2200 ft.; habitat coverage, as described 1976.—Dec. 18; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Overcast, moderate rain. Temp. 33° to 37°F. Wind SE, 0-5 m.p.h. Snow cover 4 to 10 in. Lake frozen, streams open. Wild food crop good. Thirty-two observers, 31 in 8 parties, 1 at feeders. Total party-hours, 55 (18 on foot, 37 by car) plus 8 at feeders; total party-miles, 312 (15 on foot, 297 by car).

● Goshawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 29; Rough-legged Hawk 15; Marsh Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 12; Ruffed Grouse 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Turkey 3; Rock Dove 132; Mourning Dove 15; Belted Kingfisher 2; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Hairy Woodpecker 5; Downy Woodpecker 17; Horned Lark 20; Blue Jay 82; Com. Crow 331; Black-capped Chickadee 124; Tufted Titmouse 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 19; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; Brown Creeper 1; Mockingbird 3; N. Shrike 1; Starling 687; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 1; House Sparrow 446; Com. Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 9; Cardinal 31; Evening Grosbeak 237; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 47; Pine Grosbeak 7; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 30; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 76; Tree Sparrow 145; Field Sparrow 3; White-crowned Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 10; Song Sparrow 4.

**Total, 43 species; about 2571 individuals.** (In count area count week but not seen count day: Sharp-shinned

Hawk, Carolina Wren.)—Leonard Beyer, Kim Boney, Evelyn Boucher, Larry Bowen, Suzanne Brown, Wendell Crumb, Sam DeLosa, Joyce Foreman, Charlotte Garside, Todd Griffin, Gary Hager, Kate and Robert Hickey, William Igoe, Carol, Kevin, Patrick, Rhett, and Ryan Kennedy, Robert Knowlton, Sylvia Kropp, Ken Meyer, Joe Miller, Jeff Reynolds, Angel Saunders, Catherine Saveson, Robert Scudder, Louise Tesman, Kathy Thompson, Rich Trowbridge, Forrest Watkins (compiler—50 Grant St., Wellsboro PA 16901), Lucile Watkins. (Tiadaghton Audubon Society). (MA-5.5).

**329. New Bloomfield, Pa. 40°25'N 77°10'W, center** 1 mi. E of New Bloomfield, as for 28 years; elevation 595 to 710 ft.; habitat coverage, as described 1977.—Dec. 18; 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Light rain. Temp. 34° to 37°F. No wind. No snow cover. Water open. Wild food crop good. Eleven observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours, 36 (12 on foot, 24 by car); total party-miles, 228 (17 on foot, 211 by car).

● Mallard 3; Black Duck 9; Com. Goldeneye 14; Bufflehead 6; Hooded Merganser 6; Com. Merganser 8; Red-tailed Hawk 7; Marsh Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 11; Ring-necked Pheasant 21; Killdeer 8; Com. Snipe 10; Iceland Gull 1; Herring Gull 6; Rock Dove 123; Mourning Dove 18; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 8; Com. (Yel.-sh.) Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 9; Red-headed Woodpecker 1; Hairy Woodpecker 8; Downy Woodpecker 57; Blue Jay 133; Com. Crow 277; Black-capped Chickadee 181; Tufted Titmouse 168; White-breasted Nuthatch 66; Brown Creeper 4; Winter Wren 2; Carolina Wren 6; Mockingbird 8; Hermit Thrush 1; E. Bluebird 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Starling 1037; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 1; House Sparrow 577; E. Meadowlark 3; Red-winged Blackbird 24; Rusty Blackbird 1; Com. Grackle 4; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; Cardinal 186; Evening Grosbeak 164; Purple Finch 18; House Finch 84; Com. Redpoll 16; Pine Siskin 8; Am. Goldfinch 75; Vesper Sparrow 1; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 646; Tree Sparrow 147; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 13; White-crowned Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 241; Song Sparrow 38.

**Total, 59 species; about 4496 individuals.** (In count area count week but not seen count day: Barn Owl, Screech Owl.)—R. Edmiston, Frank Fry, John Henderson, Cliff Jones, David Milne, David Ody, Bill Pennewill, Ruth Pollard, Charles Smith, John Soule, O. K. Stephenson (compiler—New Bloomfield PA 17068). (NB-3.6).

△ **330. Penn Forest, Pa. 40°57'N 75°33'W, center** 0.8 mi. N of Penn Forest Reservoir, N to L. Harmony, S to Jonesville, E to Effort, W to Lehigh R. including Big Boulder L., part of Hickory Run S.P., Penn Forest Res., Wild Creek Res., Beltzville L.; elevation 600 to 2212 ft.; habitat coverage: mixed woodland 46%, fields 31%, lakes and reservoirs 16%, streamsides 5%, residential 2%.—Dec. 24; 12:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. A.M.: clear. P.M.: partly cloudy. Temp. 25° to 42°F. Wind variable, 0-5 m.p.h. Snow cover 0 to 1 in. Water partly open. Wild food crop excellent. Five observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours, 26.5 (4 on foot, 20 by car, 2.5 by canoe); total party-miles, 218.1 (7.5 on foot, 207 by car, 3.6 by canoe).

● Great Blue Heron 5; Canada Goose 3; Mallard 10; Black Duck 127; *Aythya* sp. (not scaup) 1; scaup, sp. 9; Com. Goldeneye 12; Bufflehead 4; Oldsquaw 1; Com. Merganser 13; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Red-tailed Hawk 12; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Marsh Hawk 7; Am.



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**Voting Tabulation - Round # of**

Species: **Boat-tailed Grackle**

Date of Sighting: **December 17, 1977**

Observer(s): **W. H. Rufe, Jim McEnerney, Don Parlee**

Date of Submission: **1990 Bock**

Submitted by: **W. Hart Rufe**

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>				1		4	2
<b>DECISION</b>						X	

Comments:

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