

Ruck,

863-01 - 1998

Boat-tailed Grackle

Silver Lake Nature Center - 10/22/98 - about 12 noon

Seen and reported by George Carmichael

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I was on the platform near the marsh at the center with my binoculars. The bird was about 75 feet away at the top of a tree. Its brown head and body made me first think of a Rusty Blackbird which occurs about that time of year. However, when a Red-winged Blackbird came and chased the bird away, I could see that it was about twice the size of the Red-winged. I feel very sure that the 'grackle' was a female Boat-tailed Grackle.

About a month later when I was again at my daughter's home in Wilmington, N.C., I had time to look at hordes of Boat-tails which removed any doubt as to what I had seen.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Boat-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus major*)

Date of Sighting: 22 October 1998 to 22 October 1998

Location: SILVER LAKE NATURE CENTER

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): George Carmichael

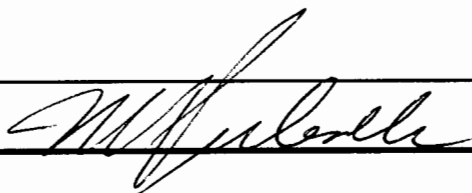
Date of Submission: 1998

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WRITTEN DESCRIPTION	YES			PHOTO NO		SPECIMEN NO		RECORDING NO	
	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain	
D. Couchman				X					
T. Floyd									X
P. Hess				X					
R. Ickes					X				
J. McWilliams				X					
B. Reid						X			X
P. Rodewald					X				
TOTALS				3	2	1			12
DECISION				X					

Comments: 0/6/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 9/28/00