

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-02-05 22:28:51
Observer's Name	Shawn Collins
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Observer's Address	Meadville PA 16335 United States
Names of additional observers	so far...there are 30 some people...
Species (Common Name)	Gray-Crowned Rosy Finch
Species (Scientific Name)	Leucosticte tephrocotis
Subspecies (if known)	Interior
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Immature maybe
Observation Date and Time	02-02-2018 9:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Crawford
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Meadville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Can't just yet...private home
GPS coordinates of sighting	See above...until the bird leaves keeping it secret
Habitat	Backyard
Distance to bird	2 feet
Viewing conditions	Clear
Description	Bird coming to backyard feeder...
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Eating and perched in tree

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

lol by looking at it...

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Alot of PA birders have seen this..Geoff Malosh, Mark Vass, Jerry McWilliams..i'm sure they will submit reports too. I was the guy who confirmed the sighting and told these guys.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes...

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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Submission Date	2018-02-11 20:06:56
Observer's Name	Mary Alice Koeneke
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Names of additional observers	Glenn Koppel
Species (Common Name)	Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
Species (Scientific Name)	Leucosticte tephrocotis
Subspecies (if known)	Interior population
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	An educated guess after observing the plumage and soft parts....female, possibly first year
Observation Date and Time	02-11-2018 8:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	HTTPS://ebird.org/view/checklist/s42683958
County	Crawford
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Meadville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Private, residence. Restricted access. Ebird location point generated by G. Malosh to protect residents
Habitat	Residential bird feeder in yard with open snow-covered ground, small rhododendron shrub and larger edge of conifer and deciduous trees.
Distance to bird	Viewed through windows of the residence at about 12 ft. distance when feeding on the ground. 30 ft. When perched in trees.
Viewing conditions	Solid overcast, clear at ground level and easily visible through windows
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 8.5x42 EL binoculars

Description	<p>Observations of a bird coming to residential feeder and previously identified. Seen by many observers. Physically, the Gray-crowned Rosy Finch was larger and appeared bulkier than the American Goldfinches. The feather pattern showed warm brown with blackish streaking on the back, flanks, and breast with a pink wash; especially on the flanks, and greater coverts though the pink wash was not bright... a female? The Rosy-pink wash with Black barring could be seen on the upper tail coverts. The "forehead" was blackish but not solid, or dark black. The head from mid-crown to mid-nape was solid, medium gray. Bill was stout, conical and yellow with a dark tip. The legs were black with long, black toes. All observed characteristics combined, lead to the individual as probably being of the Interior population. (also discussed while viewing thebird with others). Observations were brief and sporadic and the Black-crowned Rosy Finch came and went from the feeder; however, and overall estimate of the time seen would be 5-7 minutes.</p>
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	<p>The Gray-crowned Rosy Finch (GRCF) flew in and out to the feeder with American Goldfinches (AMGO). It fed on seed on the snow surface in short visits, leaving with the flock of AMGO. When the flock flew into the yard before feeding at the feeder, the Gray-crowned Rosy Finch perched fairly high in a small deciduous tree, gradually, moving lower and toward the feeder. When perched in a deciduous tree, the GRCF rubbed its bill on the branch to clean it.</p>
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	<p>The GCRF was distinct by size, shape and coloration from any other species (Tufted Titmouse, Black-capped Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, American Tree Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Blue Jay, American Goldfinch) coming to the residential feeders so it was easily determined to be something "different". It was distinguishable from the other two Rosy Finch species: 1) from Brown-capped Rosy Finch by its gray "cap"on the back of the head though it is similar in overall coloration (brown with blackish streaking; 2) from Black Rosy Finch by the brown overall coloration versus the dark black/gray coloration of the Black Rosy Finch though both species have gray "caps". The black on the head of the GCRF was not as extensive as on the Black Rosy Finch.</p>
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	<p>After seeing the bird and having time to study a guide and the photos taken, the individual appears to be a female, possibly 1st winter based on the paler, less extensive pink coloration washed on the flanks; the lack of solid black coloration on the "forehead" and a yellow bill with a blackish tip. There also appear to be relatively, fresh molted feathers in the primaries and primary coverts as compared to the pale-fringed, worn feathers of the mantle and scapulars.</p>
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	<p>Yes. Previously identified by others; however, we have also seen the species in January in the Sandia Mountains of New Mexico. Some of the birds in New Mexico were also undergoing banding and we had ample opportunity to view the three Rosy finches species closely.</p>
During	<p>None</p>
After	<p>National Audubon Society: The Sibley Guide to Birds, David A. Sibley.</p>
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	<p>Photograph</p>
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Submission Date	2018-02-19 18:05:25
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Names of additional observers	Sharon Guarente
Species (Common Name)	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
Species (Scientific Name)	Leucosticte tephrocotis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	02-17-2018 7:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
County	Crawford
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Meadville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Private Residence
Habitat	Backyard Feeder
Distance to bird	10 feet
Viewing conditions	Ideal - Partly cloudy but bright light
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 10x42
Description	Beautiful adult. Large finch compared to Am Goldfinch. Yellow stout bill with a smudge of dark on tip, black around base of bill, gray crown, rosy pink color on rump and belly. The feather pattern showed warm brownish color on the back, breast and flanks with the flanks having a pink wash. The "forehead" was blackish but not solid deep black. The head from mid-crown to mid-nape was solid, medium gray. The legs were black. Primaries & secondaries were dark but tipped with white edges

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Feeding with goldfinch. Would hang out in trees around property before coming slowly down to feed.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Gray crown separates it from Brown-capped Rosy-Finch and the brownish pink breast and belly should separate it from Black Rosy-Finch

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes. Seen multiple times in Colorado

During

none

After

none

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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Submission Date	2018-03-18 07:44:56
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Species (Common Name)	Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
Species (Scientific Name)	Leucosticte tephrocotis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Appears to be an immature.
Observation Date and Time	02-10-2018 7:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S43492331
County	Crawford
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Meadville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Private Location
Habitat	Feeders in a backyard of a home. Small area of trees between neighboring homes.
Distance to bird	Approximately ten feet. It fed on the ground right outside a large window.
Viewing conditions	Excellent because it was so close. Overcast with snow on the ground.
Optical equipment used	Leica Ultravid 10X42 binoculars
Description	Dark brown finch, larger than American Goldfinches it was feeding with. Brown overall, gray crown with black forehead, pinkish wash on lower breast and belly, pinkish wingbar. Legs and feet black. Bill yellowish with black tip.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

First observed perched in a tree. Eventually flew down to the ground outside the window to feed on sunflower hearts.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Distinctive with dark brown plumage and rosy highlights. Large and robust finch.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes. Seen and photographed by many before I saw it, plus it's so distinctive compared to anything else that normally occurs in the area. I've seen Gray-crowned Rosy Finches at close range in New Mexico.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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