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Indiana Co.

Monday, Dec 27, 1993

About 17° - misty sky, weak sun

Bottomland - sheltered to the north by a hill, and to the west by the curve of harvested oats & corn fields. To the east, a thicket of scrubby trees and bushes, an old apple tree (slowly being strangled by the Multiflora rose), and a creek running through. Tipton blue juncos were flying back & forth between the fields & thicket. A flock of 16-20 cedar waxwings flew through the trees. About 12-15' from me, as I walked north, and about 18" of the ground, a cedar waxwing was feeding on the berries of the Multiflora rose. Immediately beside it, and also feeding, was a stocky bird - about robin size - with a large, heavy, dark bill. It was a uniform red color - above and below - except for dark at the base of wing. (Because of the angle, I could not see the rest of the wing.) The head was smooth & rounded. The color was not the clear red of the male cardinal, but more a mauve-red or purple red.

Immediate impression - a large grosbeak.

The type of beak, size, lack of crest, and uniform ^{red} color eliminated the redpoll, ^{the} cardinal, the crossbill, the purple or house finch, and even the tanager.

Suggest - a pine grosbeak

Glen Sobella

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)

Date of Sighting: 27 December 1993 to 27 December 1993

Location: ?

County: INDIANA

Observer(s): Jean Bobella

Date of Submission: 1994

Submitted by: Jean Bobella

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					
J. Skinner			X					
TOTALS								
DECISION						X		

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *F. C. Haas*

Date: 9-19-95