

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
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June, 11, 1996

Richard Myers
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Dear Richard,

Thank you for submitting details on the Pine Grosbeak you saw at Peace Valley County Park, Bucks County on 29 September 1995 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The committee felt that the documentation submitted was too brief to rule in a Pine Grosbeak and does not adequately rule out the possibility of similar species, such as White-winged Crossbill or House Finch. This does not mean of course, that the bird was not a Pine Grosbeak, merely, that the details did not allow for a concrete determination.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 879-01-1995

879-01-1995

PINE GROSBEAK SITING

September 29, 1995; 9:40am, clear weather.

Peace Valley (Bucks County), on east side of Lake Galena along bike/hike trail.

Bird was sitting in a pine tree in a mixed pine-maple setting at eye level 15 yards from trail.

I saw it first with naked eye then through binoculars (Swift Audubon 8.5x,44), observing it for a total of about one minute. I noted distinguishing marks of rosy head and chest, dark wings with two white bars, dark tail, as well as general shape, size and beak of grosbeak.

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)

Date of Sighting: 29 September 1995 to 29 September 1995

Location: PEACE VALLEY COUNTY PARK

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Richard Myers

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Richard Myers

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				XX				
N. Pulcinella				X		XX		
E. Kwater						X		
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams						X		
P. Schwalbe				X				
S. Feldstein							X	
TOTALS			1	3		2	1	
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

5-1-96