

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
2469 Hammertown Road  
Narvon, PA 17555

September 26, 1997

Robin Bowser  
RD Box 414-A  
Kittanning, PA 16201

Dear Robin,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Pine Grosbeak you saw in East Franklin Township, Armstrong County on 5 November 1995 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The committee was concerned that the description submitted lacked adequate detail especially regarding the bill structure to allow for a fair assessment of the record. Some members felt that the possibility of the bird being a White-winged Crossbill was not eliminated.

This of course, does not mean the bird was not a Pine Grosbeak, merely, that the record is not beyond reasonable doubt for acceptance

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 when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella  
Chairman

Record # 879-02-1995.

879-02-1995

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Robin D. Bowser  
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On Sunday, November 5, 1995, about 9:45 a.m. I saw a Pine Grosbeak in my backyard. We live in East Franklin Township, a mile south of the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital and Route 422. It was really snowing this morning and a lot of birds had come to my bird feeders. This Pine Grosbeak was about the size of a Robin. It was an adult male having a dullish rosy-color and long tail, with dark wings that had white bars. He was perched on the top of my clothes pole for a couple minutes, and then got onto the feeder where I have black sunflower seeds. It looked like he helped himself to some of the seeds, and then he flew away. I have not seen him since. But we have had 4 bluebirds that have stayed around since the spring.

*put in*

*grosbeaker@aol.com*

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of**

Species: **Pine Grosbeak (Pinicola enucleator)**

Date of Sighting: **5 November 1995 to 5 November 1995**

Location: **EAST FRANKLIN TWP**

County: **ARMSTRONG**

Observer(s): **Robin Bowser**

Date of Submission: **1996**

Submitted by: **Robin Bowser**

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					
S. Feldstein						X		
<b>TOTALS</b>			2	2		3		
<b>DECISION</b>				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*J C Haas*

Date:

*2-22-97*