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SENECA ROCKS AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRD SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION GUIDE

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of rare or unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all except as a guide. Attach additional sheets as necessary. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. The following checklist can be used to remind yourself of items that you want to include in this report. Not all of these points will be seen, nor are they all necessary to correctly identify a species, but not including something you saw lessens the value of your documentation. PLEASE REPORT WHAT WAS SEEN, NOT WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN.

SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

- Give size compared to a common bird
- Shape (warbler, thrush, hawk, etc.)
- Head: colors and pattern
- Eye: color, ring, stripe, lore, brow
- Bill: length, color
- Legs: color, length, toes (number, type)
- Upperparts: nape (neck), back, rump
- Tail: colors, shape, pattern, length
- Underparts: throat, breast, belly, flanks, vent
- Wings: colors, wingbars, length, wing linings, shape

Parts of bird that couldn't be seen

BEHAVIOR:

- Posture
- Feeding method
- Flight pattern NOTICED IS How long tail
- Vocalization Like a greater yellowlegs
- Preening or sleeping
- Other species present
- Interactions with other birds
- Nesting (building, brooding, etc.)

NUMBER, SEX, AGE:

- Number of birds 1 seen 2 heard
- Sex by plumage or behavior
- Age by plumage or behavior

LOCATION:

- Place name (town, park, SGL, etc.)
 - County and State
 - Habitat (field, woods, water, plants, etc.)
- ### CONDITIONS:
- Time of day
 - Temperature
 - Sky/cloud cover
 - Precipitation/snow cover Some flurries off + on
 - Water (depth, waves, % ice)
 - Wind (speed, direction)
 - Moon phase
 - Sun (location in relation to you and bird)

- Length of sighting About 30 seconds
- Distance to bird 20 yd
- Optics (binos, scope, power of each)
- Experience with this species, years birding
- How were similar species eliminated?
- Field guide used (during and after sighting)
- Was description written from notes made during observation, notes made after observation, or memory? Was field guide used prior to writing field notes?
- Other observers (are they reporting?)
- Sketch or photograph (sketches, no matter how basic, are extremely useful)

SPECIES Pine Grosbeak DATE SIGHTED 1-25-98

SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

Bird was about the size of an evening Grosbeak. Mostly gray with a Red/Rose hood and shoulders, and most of breast. Part of chin was gray, bill was shaped bluntly and black. Call was like a greater yellowlegs eye was white. Some brown gray on wings, but not quite white. The red was similar to a white-winged crossbill, but not as pinkish. Bird was plump and had a long tail. Belly was gray, tail was gray, but

A little darker. I'm not sure there
A species that we should rule out.
This description was written from memory without
consulting a field guide.

BEHAVIOR: The bird was perched in the top of
A hemlock tree in a mixed forest. There were
red + white-winged crossbills feeding lower in the tree.
This bird just perched. When the crossbills lifted up and
flew, this bird went with them. While observing this
bird, 2 others were heard on either side. The call was
i.e. that of a greater yellowlegs

NUMBER, SEX, AND AGE:

1 seen, Adult male, 2 heard

LOCATION: Junction of Indian and Rhododendron trails
in Cook Forest, Clarion County

CONDITIONS, TIME, WEATHER, OPTICS, EXPERIENCE:

9:30 AM

The sky was cloudy, no wind. Temp. 26°
Using Leica 8x42. I have only seen 1 Pine Grosbeak,
a female before. This was my 1st male. I have heard
them in New Brunswick. Bird was heard by
LISA Swackhamer, but she did not get on the
bird to see it.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)

Date of Sighting: 25 January 1998 to 25 January 1998

Location: COOK FOREST STATE PARK

County: CLARION

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 1998

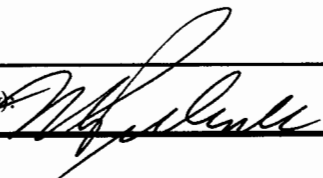
Submitted by: John Fedak

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
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P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

1/14/01