

July 5, 2008

Phillip J. Campbell
137 Mauch Chunk Rd.
Lehighton, PA

Thank you for submitting a report of Pine Grosbeaks at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Berks County, PA on November 21, 2007.

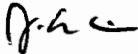
After one round of voting, the Committee felt the report was a Class IV-B record; a record for which there exists insufficient evidence for evaluation.

Some of the field marks noted was a good fit for Pine Grosbeak; however, the lack of a description of the bill and any mention of flight call notes were crucial in accepting the record.

The sighting of Pine Grosbeaks could very well be correct, unfortunately, the Committee felt an adequate description was lacking.

Thank you for your efforts in furthering records of Pennsylvania Ornithology.

Sincerely,



J. Eric Witmer
Chairman: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Record # 879-01-2007

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RARE BIRD REPORT

Philip J. Campbell
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Date: November 21, 2007

Location: Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
North Lookout
Kempton, Pa.

Time: 09:15 am

Weather: Fog enshrouded the lookout limiting clear visibility to the Hemlocks surrounding the lookout (approximately 25 yards).

Species: Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*

I observed approximately eighty birds fly over the North Lookout of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary while on duty as counter for the day.

The first sixty or so birds, flying in three loose groups, came from the North and flew over the lookout heading southwest. I was able to focus on a few individual birds and realized that I was seeing a large finch. That is Am. Robin or Northern Cardinal size.

The last group of the birds landed in the Hemlock trees on the North side of the lookout. I was able to view one bird clearly in profile before they flew. Distance to the bird was approximately 20 yards.

The bird I observed was the size of an Am. Robin or Northern Cardinal. It was dull red in color with two white wing-bars and a long tail. The body was more full and the head larger and more rounded than White-winged Crossbill. The wing-bars were not as white or obvious as White-winged Crossbill.

Prior to this sighting Laurie Goodrich, Senior Monitoring Biologist for HMS advised all HMS counters to brush up on flight calls and I.D. of finches. I reviewed field guides and flight call recordings of Purple Finch, Red and White-winged Crossbill, Pine Grosbeak, and Pine Siskin several times prior to this sighting.

I have observed White-winged Crossbills at HMS in the past.

I have reviewed field guides and recordings after the observation and feel confident that the identification is correct.

References used:

1. *The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America*
2. *National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America*
3. *Lives of North American Birds*
4. *A Field Guide to Bird Songs of Eastern and Central North America from The Peterson Field Series.*

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Pine Grosbeak Pinicola enucleator
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 80 SEX(ES) Male & Female

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): Adult

DATE OF OBSERVATION Nov. 21, 2007 TIME 09:15 am

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Kempton, Pa.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, North Lookout

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Philip J. Campbell
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City Lehighton State Pa. ZIP 18235
e-mail (optional) psoupeptd.net phone (optional) 610-377-3175

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): NONE

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Blue Mountain - ridge top rock outcrop surrounded by woodland

DISTANCE TO BIRD see attached report

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) see attached report

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Leica Ultra 7x42

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): see attached report

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) See attached report

VOCALIZATIONS

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY: N/A

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD: N/A

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) See attached report

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: _____

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES See attached report

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ? (why or why not) Yes - see attached report

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation See attached report

After observation _____

DATE OF THIS REPORT: Nov. 24, 2007

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Philip J. Campbell

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Pine Grosbeak Pinicola enucleator

Date of Sighting: 21 November 2007 to 21 November 2007

County : BERKS

Location : HAWK MOUNTAIN SACTUARY

Observer(s): Phillip Campbell

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Phillip Campbell

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

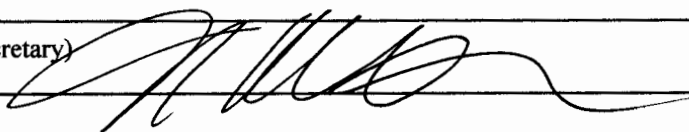
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut				X				
A. Guarente					X			
T. Johnson				X				
B. Coulter					X			
E. Witmer			X					
J. Heller					X			
G. Malosh			X					
TOTALS			2	2	3			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 2/5

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

6/21/08