

**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:

**Nick Pulcinella, Secretary**  
**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**  
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**SPECIES** (common and scientific name) Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*  
**Subspecies** (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS** ✓ 8      **SEX(ES)** ♂ and ♀ ✓ 4 each

**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 ♂ adult ♀  
possibly some juveniles but not sure

**DATE OF OBSERVATION** 1-1-09      **TIME** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION** (city, borough, township) New Wilmington, PA 16142

**EXACT SITE** (e.g. name of park, lake, road) 214 Beechwood Road (Residence)

**OBSERVER REPORTING:**

Name Katherine Robertson  
Address 214 Beechwood Road  
City New Wilmington      State PA      ZIP 16142  
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**OTHER OBSERVERS** (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):  
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**HABITAT** (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Pine-wooded yard

**DISTANCE TO BIRD** ✓ 30ft

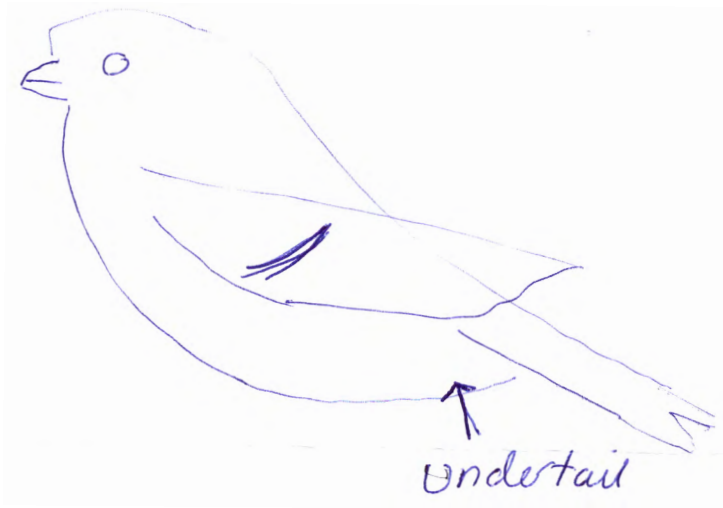
**VIEWING CONDITIONS** (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Clear sky, sun to one side

**OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED** Nikon 7x binoculars

**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): ✓ 9 inches long

♂: dark pink head + upper body + breast  
dark grey wings with white stripe - dark grey tail, bill, feet  
lighter grey undertail

♀: yellowish head + rump. dark grey wings + white  
stripe grey bill + feet  
light grey / white undertail (see diagram)



**BEHAVIOR** (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Small flock in top of pine tree: picking at pine cones - sometimes hanging upside-down like parakeets. They stayed ~ 30 minutes then moved on.

**VOCALIZATIONS**

I didn't hear any. The rustling + pine cone picking was louder.

**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:**

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:**

General condition \_\_\_\_\_  
If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known \_\_\_\_\_

**SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES** (how you eliminated others)

This was not a white-winged crossbill or a Red crossbill - it was too large: ~ 9 inches

**DISCUSSION** - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

A colleague has told me that she also has seen Pine Grosbeaks in N.W. in past - exhibiting similar behavior. We are both biology professors

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES**

None

**ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION ?** (why or why not)

Yes

**REFERENCES CONSULTED:**

During observation National Geographic Field Guide to N. American birds  
After observation Cornell Ornithology Lab website

**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** 1-20-09

**SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER**

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<http://bna.cornell.edu/bna/species>

## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*

Date of Sighting: 1 January 2009 to 1 January 2009

County : LAWRENCE

Location : NEW WILMINGTON

Observer(s): Katherine Robertson

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: Katherine Robertson

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

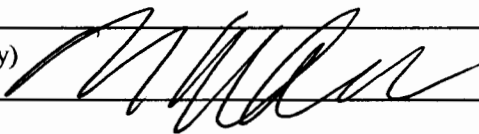
Specimen: No

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			
<del>E. Roth</del> K. Fryberg			X					
J. Heller						X		
G. Malosh					X			
TOTALS			2		4	1		
DECISION					X			

Comments: 2/5

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/5/09