

RED POLL
12-14-03 3:02 PM EST
Upper Merion Township, Lehigh
County, PA
overcast no precipitation
calm wind

LARGE WHITE PATCH
ON COVERTS
WHITISH TIPS
ON SCAPULARS
DARK BROWN
STREAKS ON BUFF BACK
OVERALL FACE
TOP OF CROWN
& NAPE PALE
BUFF (PALER THAN
BACK)

DARK RED ON
FRONT OF CROWN
SMALL BLACK MASK
DARK TIP
ON YELLOWISH
HORN COLORED
BILL THAT WAS
NO LONGER
THAN WIDE

CLEAN WHITE
LOWER BREAST AND
BELLY. FEATHERS
AND SIDES WERE
WHITE WITH ROWS
OF FINE STREAKS
NEAR THE WING.

RUMP WAS NOT SEEN.

MINUTES, PREENING
OBSERVED FOR 2.3
AT ABOUT 25-30 FEET
SAW
SIDE VIEW
ONLY.

I COULD SEE
SMALL SNOW-
FLAKES OR FROST
ON TOP OF ITS TAIL.
OPTICS 8X42
EAGLE OPTICS
RANGER
PLATINUM CLASS



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DRAWING & DESCRIPTION
BY PAULINE MORRIS

FOUND BY BERNIE MORRIS

THE RED POLL FLEW AS I
WAS GETTING THE SIBLEY
BIRD GUIDE AFTER BERNIE
AND I NOTED THE VERY
STUBBY BILL, CLEAN WHITE
UNDER PARTS WITH LITTLE
FINE STREAKING ON THE
FLANK & SIDE.

OBSERVERS: BERNIE MORRIS
(BAUSH & LOMB ELITE 8X42)
PAULINE MORRIS (EAGLE OPTICSMANAGER
PLATINUM CLASS 8X42)
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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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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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SPECIES (common and scientific name) HOARY REDPOLL CARDUELLIS HORNEMANNI
Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) 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): FIRST YEAR?

DATE OF OBSERVATION 12-14-03 TIME 3:02^{3:05} PM EST

LOCATION (city, borough, township) UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP LEHIGH COUNTY

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) 4324 GLENWOOD DR (OUR HOME)

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name PAULINE MORRIS
Address 4324 GLENWOOD DRIVE
City EMMAUS State PA ZIP 18049
e-mail (optional) mtnbluebirdcenter@net phone (optional) 610-967-0257

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):
BERNIE MORRIS

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) SMALL YARD ON HEAVILY WOODED 4 ACRE LOT. BIRD WAS PERCHED ON A SMALL SNAG OF AN OAK TREE.

DISTANCE TO BIRD 25 TO 30 FEET

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) OVERCAST, 32°, CALM, NO PRECIPITATION.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED EAGLE OPTICS RANGER PLATINUM CLASS 8X42 BINOS

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): BREAST, BELLY, FLANKSIDE WERE A CLEAN WHITE. THE ONLY STREAKING WAS 2 ROWS OF FINE STREAKS ON THE FLANKSIDE AND THICKER BROWN & BUFF STREAKS ON THE BACK. BUFF ON THE NAPE, OVERALL FACE AND NAPE WAS PALER THAN THE BACK. ONLY RED WAS ON THE FRONT OF THE CROWN (FOREHEAD). THERE WAS A SMALL BLACK MASK. THE BILL WAS A YELLOWISH HORN COLOR WITH A DARK TIP AND WAS NO LONGER THAN IT WAS WIDE AT THE BASE. THERE WAS A LARGE WHITE PATCH ON THE WING COVERTS AND WHITISH TIPS ON SCAPULARS.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) PREENING WHILE SITTING AT EYE LEVEL IN AN OAK TREE BY THE FEEDERS AND HEATED PONDS OUTSIDE OUR KITCHEN WINDOW. I COULD SEE SNOW FLAKES/FROST ON TOP OF THE BIRD'S TAIL FEATHERS.

VOCALIZATIONS

NONE HEARD

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

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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) SMALLER THAN PURPLE OR HOUSE FINCHES. HAD DARK RED ONLY ON FRONT OF CROWN. CLEAN WHITE ON BELLY AND BREAST ELIMINATED GOLDFINCH, PINE SISKIN. BILL WAS MUCH STUBBIER THAN GOLDFINCH. LACK OF STREAKING EXCEPT FOR BACK AND 2 ROWS OF FINE STREAKS ON FLANK AND SIDE ELIMINATED COMMON RED POLL. THE BILL APPEARED TO BE NO LONGER THAN IT WAS WIDE AT THE BASE.

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

HAVE SEEN COMMON REDPOLLS DURING RUPTION YEARS IN PENNSYLVANIA SINCE 1986. SAW BOTH COMMON AND HOARY REDPOLLS AT CHURCHILL MANITOBA, ON SAW HOARY REDPOLL AT HAAS' FEEDER.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) I AM POSITIVE THAT THE BIRD WAS A REDPOLL. THE BIRD WAS ONLY SEEN FROM A SIDE VIEW. THE RUMP WASN'T SEEN AND THE UNDERTAIL COVERTS SHOWED NO STREAKING FROM THE SIDE VIEW.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation _____
After observation SIBLEY

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 12-15-03

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Pauline Morris

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*)

Date of Sighting: 14 December 2003 to 14 December 2003

Location: UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

County : LEHIGH

Observer(s): Pauline Morris, Bernie Morris

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Pauline Morris,

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

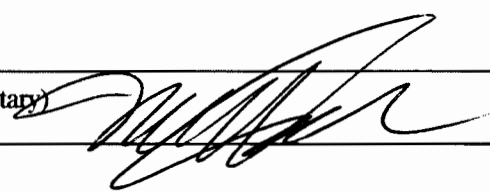
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
G. Armistead Rick Witmer				X				
D. Heathcote				X				
P. Guris					X			
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer				X				
R. Leberman					X			
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			2	3	2			
DECISION				X				

Comments: 2/5

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/18/01