



July 6, 2008

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Thank you for your report submitted to the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee of a Hoary Redpoll in Kunkletown, Monroe County, PA on December 22 and 23, 2007.

The report was voted upon as a Class IV-A record: A record for which there exists a majority of evidence in support of the observer's identification; the record is probably correct, but not beyond reasonable doubt.

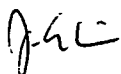
Three members of the committee accepted the record as a Class I -P record and four members decided upon a Class IV-A record.

Some members of the committee felt there was some inconsistency in the written documentation compared to the sketch and photo. The written report referred to "clean under tail coverts" the sketch indicated one small streak and the photographs seem to show a large streak or possibly streaks. The scapulars were described as "pale edged". Unfortunately, none of the photographs is able to confirm this field mark.

The Redpoll is actually most likely a female based on the lack of pink.

Thank you for your efforts in admirably documenting this sighting under difficult conditions. The sighting could easily been of a Hoary Redpoll. The committee realizes Common and Hoary Redpoll can be very difficult even during favorable viewing conditions.

Sincerely,



J. Eric Witmer
Chairman: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Record # 887-01-2007

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 (Carduelis hornemanni)
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) male

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 Dec. 22 and Dec. 23 TIME 3:30pm / 3:00pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Kunkletown Monroe County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) near Schaffer Road; N 40° 50.204' W - 075° 27.152'

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Corey Husoc
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City Kunkletown State PA ZIP 18058
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): none

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) open, not mowed, weedy field and a large dense stand of about 200 gray birches

DISTANCE TO BIRD eight feet

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) The sky was overcast. It looked like it could rain any minute. The sun was setting below the trees on the nearby hill.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Zeiss 10x40 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): The bird was very similar in size to the Common Redpolls nearby.

It appeared, at first, much lighter than the Common Redpolls. Upon closer inspection, I noticed clean under tail coverts, and pale scapular edges. The bill seemed shorter than the common redpolls and seemed "pushed in" and showed a flatter head. The bird showed no streaking on the sides, and no pink/red on the bird's breast. The bird also showed a white rump, not streaked.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The bird was feeding on the catkins of a grey birch. It was feeding with a flock of about 30 Common Redpolls. It was feeding upside down on branches. After several minutes, it flew off with some ~~noise~~ CORU, and flew about 20 ft to another birch tree, and continued feeding as before.

VOCALIZATIONS It made some soft "chee" notes while feeding. When it took off it made notes almost identical to those of Common Redpolls.

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 N/A

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known N/A

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) this bird had pale scapular edges. It showed no streaking on the sides, or the undertail coverts. There was no red on the breast. The small yellow beak was "pushed in" giving it a very stubby, small look. The head of this bird was flatter than those of the birds around. It also showed a white rump, which is different than the streaked rump of a Common Redpoll.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: I sent the photograph to many people and posted it on Birdforum and ID Frontiers. Everyone that has replied has said definite Hoary, or probably hoary. About three people have said ~~about~~ probably, and six of them have said a definite hoary.

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I have not seen this species before, but I have seen numerous Common Redpolls. I have seen many different variations of the Common Redpolls.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes because of the characteristics, and the information from the photograph, considering there were many Common Redpolls around it, it was easy to compare to them

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation Peterson's Guide to Eastern + Central Birds

After observation Sibley's Guide to Birds

DATE OF THIS REPORT: December 26, 2007

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Corey Husic

Leather 22, 2007

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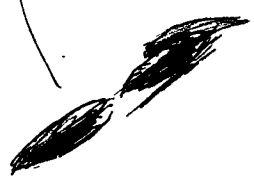
HOARE ~~B~~ Hoary Redpoll


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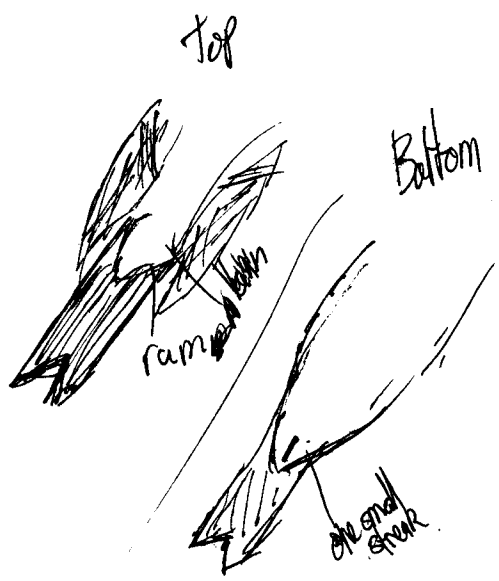
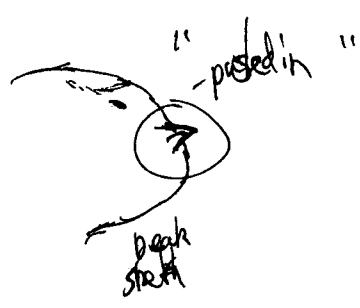
- small stubby / spatulate bill
- white under tail coverts
- pale scapular edges, at least paler than common
- white rump, noticeable while feeding
- no stripes on sides

no pit on breast

flight call "chee" very similar to common



 feeding on grey birch
cuttings w/ core



Hoary Redpoll, Kunkletown, PA

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Hoary Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni*

Date of Sighting: 22 December 2007 to 23 December 2007

County : MONROE

Location : KUNKLETOWN.

Observer(s): Corey Husic

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Corey Husic

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

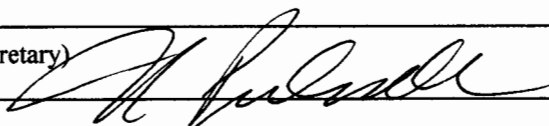
Specimen: No

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	3			2	2			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 3/4

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

6/21/88