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Regarding the "Oregon" Junco (MERCER CO.):

The "Oregon" Juncos seen by Harriet Bower Bauer (a very reliable birder) in the fall of 1990 in the Grove City Area, apparently show up every fall! Harriet says she will photograph one and write down details to send on to you - when one or two birds show up at her feeder this coming fall. Great confidence!

Here's hoping the records committee won't be disappointed.

Sincerely,
Marty McKay

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PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
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"OREGON" JUNCO
Junco hyemalis oregonus
Sightings in Mercer County

Harriett Bauer and I observed a Junco of the "Oregon" race 1/19/92 under a feeder at Bauer's home in Grove City. It was viewed through 8 x 36 binoculars at 60 feet between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. The bird, a female, made brief appearances with 6-8 Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Juncos, which provided good comparison, and other feeder birds. It fed on the ground on spilled seed in the typical Junco manner, frequently disappearing into overhead Norway spruces. A patch of strong sunlight where the bird was feeding revealed a gray hood, brown-gray back, white outer tail feathers and a faint rusty wash on the sides. The breast was plain white. No streaking was evident.

One isolated female "Oregon" has been seen at this particular feeder on many occasions since 1988 by Harriett Bauer, Shirley McCarl and Loraine Weiland. A male has never been seen. All appeared during inclement weather - severe cold, ice or snow storms. Sightings were as follows: 12/10,29 in 1988, 1/10, 2/3,4,12, 4/16,19,22,23 in 1989, 10/18, 12/9 in 1990, 1/13, 12/31 in 1991. The 1992 bird was noted daily 1/16-19.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Dark-eyed Junco**

Date of Sighting: **16 January 1992 to 19 January 1992**

Observer(s): **Marty McKay**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Marty McKay**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater						X	
B. Haas	Abstain						
F. Haas						X	
R. Ickes			X				
G. McWilliams						X	
S. Santner			X				
J. Skinner						X	
TOTALS			2			4	
DECISION						X	

Comments:

Rejected

Signature (Secretary):

B. M. Haas

Date:

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