

March 13, 2005

Marvin Byler
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Marvin

Thank you for sending the description of the junco you found at your feeder on January 27, 2001. The committee ended up voting 3-4 against accepting the description as conclusive. The dark hood, and the line of demarcation between it and the back would seem to eliminate a "Slate-colored" Junco, but that alone does not rule in an "Oregon". Junco's are, as you may know, an extremely complex group, and all forms will intergrade where ranges overlap. In fact there is one subspecies, *cismontanus*, that is believed to be a stable hybrid form between "Slate-colored" and "Oregon". This form may occur in the state on a regular basis. For such a variable and complex group as this, more details are needed for the committee to be able to properly judge the report and draw a conclusion other than that the bird did not appear to be a Slate-colored.

Sincerely

Matt Sharp
Chair: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee.

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RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco Date of this Observation: January 27, 2001

Date Found: Jan. 27, 2001 Last Date Seen: January 27, 2001

Location: One mile south of Route 322 on Pine Road.

Township/City: East Gallowayfield Township, Hartstown County: Crawford

Person Writing this report: Marvin J. Byler

Address: 6498 Pine Road Hartstown, Pa 16131

Phone: none

Other Observers: Edward Byler, Owen Byler, Rachel Byler, Irene Byler and more

Who found the bird first: Marvin Byler

Other documentation Included: (Circle all appropriate items)(Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)

Photograph

Audio Recording

Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? _____

Description: (Attach additional pages as needed—Please do not write on back of this form)

About 8:30 A.M. on January 27, 2001 I was watching the birds at our feeding station outside our living room window, when I noticed a Junco with kinda brownish sides. I immediately got my binoculars, 7X42 Bausch & Lomb Discoverers and my brother Edward was watching with his 8X40 Bushnell Legends. We watched it for perhaps 15-20 minutes. It was about 6-7 feet ~~outside~~ away from the window feeding on the ground. It had a grayish, blackish hood, not real, real black but dark enough we could easily see the line across its back where the color changed to rusty brown. Its sides were pinkish brown and its outer tail feathers were white. For comparison we had male and female Slate-colored Juncos feeding with it.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (Junco hyemalis oregonus)

Date of Sighting: 27 January 2001 to 27 January 2001

Location: EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

County: CRAWFORD

Observer(s): Marvin Byler

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Marvin Byler

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No


Specimen: No

Recording: No

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

Comments: 3/4

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 2/11/03