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**Species** (Common and Scientific Name): Oregon-type Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis*  
**Subspecies** (if known): *montanus*

**Number of individuals Sex(es)**: 1, male

**Age(s) and Plumage(s)**: Assumed adult in basic breeding plumage  
**Date and Time of Observation**: 11JAN11@0845, 21JAN11@1400  
**Location**: Fort Indiantown Gap NGTC (Union Township)  
**Exact Site**: Shuey Pond, Quartermaster Rd., Fort Indiantown Gap

**Observer Reporting**: David McNaughton, 6014 Meade Ct., Harrisburg, PA 17112  
[davmcaugh@state.pa.us](mailto:davmcaugh@state.pa.us) (717) 861-8408

**Other Observers**: Jarrod Derr (11JAN11, 21JAN11)

**Habitat**: Pond edge brush with niger sock feeders along a nature trail, small tree cover.  
**Distance to Bird**: 20 feet

**Viewing Conditions**: overcast, cold (snowed that evening), remaining sun blocked by brush, snow cover for contrast

**Optical Equipment Used**: Swarovski 8.5x42

**Description**: Plumage brown on body with a strongly contrasting black bib. Female slate-colored birds in the area had much darker plumage on body that did not provide nearly as much contrast. Back had a darker brown before the wings. Wings greyer, flanks lighter brown, and grey streaking on dorsum. Bird stood out from the rest of the junco crowd that was also feeding at the time.

**Behavior**: Bird feeding on ground along with other slate-colored juncos, goldfinches, cardinals, and sparrows (white-throated and song) on droppings from thistle sock feeders and hand spread black-oil sunflower seed. The site is a feeding station along a nature trail maintained by DMVA Wildlife. On both occasions, the bird was spotted near the southeastern-most feeder which had more light than the other two. Has generally been seen in the company of other juncos every time. While some slate-colored birds have actually fed from the socks (while hanging) at this location, the Oregon has only been spotted on the ground or on low perches.

**Vocalizations**: None audible

**Separation from similar species**: Contrasting plumage, browner overall body plumage, good looks alongside slate-colored birds

**Discussion**: Later observed by Justin Bosler and Chuck Berthoud (at least). Sent photos to Randy Miller and Chuck for confirmation.



**Previous experience with this and/or similar species:**

Plenty of local experience with slate-colored, but this was my first Oregon-type.

**Are you positive of your identification ?**

Yes, it seems to have stacked up to the experts so far.

**References Consulted:** Sibley Guide to Birds, Eastern Edition  
During Observation

**References After:** Sibley Guide to Birds, Peterson Field Guide to Eastern Birds

**Supporting evidence if any:** (Check all that apply)

**Photograph:**

**Photographer:** Jarrod Derr, 108 Davids Ct., Jonestown, PA 17038

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**Report Date:** Jan 31, 2011

## 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. Fill in all relevant fields and then click on the "Submit by Email" button at the end of the form to send it to the PORC Secretary.

**NOTE:** The fields scroll down as you type to permit as much text as needed.  
The **RESET** button clears all of the fields if you wish to start over with a blank form.

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Subspecies, if known montanus

Number of individuals Sex(es) 1, 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): Assumed adult in basic breeding plumage

Date and Time of Observation 11JAN11@0845, 21JAN11@1400

Location (City, Borough, Township) Fort Indiantown Gap NGTC (Union Township)

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) Shuey Pond, Quartermaster Rd., Fort Indiantown Gap

### Observer Reporting:

Name David McNaughton

Address State Zip 6014 Meade Ct., Harrisburg, PA 17112

E-mail (Optional) davmcnaugh@state.pa.us

Phone (Optional) (717) 861-8408

Other Observers (Only Those Who Saw and Identified the Bird with You): Jarrod Derr (11JAN11, 21JAN11)

Habitat (E.g. Mowed Field, Woodland Edge, Any other details) Pond edge brush with niger sock feeders along a nature trail, small tree cover.

Distance to Bird (Specify feet, yards, etc.) 20 feet

Viewing Conditions (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) overcast, cold (snowed that evening), remaining sun blocked by brush, snow cover for contrast

Optical Equipment Used Swarovski 8.5x42

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):

Plumage brown on body with a strongly contrasting black bib. Female slate-colored in the area had much darker plumage on body that did not provide nearly as much contrast. Back had a darker brown before the wings. Wings greyer, flanks lighter brown, and grey streaking on dorsum. Bird stood out from the rest of the junco crowd that was also feeding at the time.

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

Bird feeding on ground along with other slate-colored juncos, goldfinches, cardinals, and sparrows (white-throated and song) on droppings from thistle sock feeders and hand spread black-oil sunflower seed. The site is a feeding station along a nature trail maintained by DMVA Wildlife. On both occasions, the bird was spotted near the southeastern-most feeder which had more light than the other two. Has generally been seen in the company of other juncos every time. While some slate-colored have actually fed from the socks (while hanging) at this location, the Oregon has only been spotted on the ground or on low perches.

Vocalizations

Supporting evidence if any: (Check all that apply)

Photograph

Video Recording

Audio Recording

Drawing

**Photographer/recorder/illustrator:**

Name

Address

City State Zip

E-mail (Optional)

Phone (Optional)

**Please send a copy of the photograph, drawing, or recording to:**

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee  
613 Howard Ave.  
West Chester, Pa 19380  
Nickpulcinella@comcast.net

**If this is a dead bird:**

General Condition

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

Separation from similar species  
(How you eliminated others)

Discussion – anything else  
relevant to the observation that  
will aid the committee in  
evaluating it:

Previous experience with this  
and/or similar species

Are you positive of your  
identification? (Why or why not)

**References Consulted:**

During Observation

After Observation

Date of this Report:

(Click on the box and select  
date from calendar)

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation – Round One**

Species: Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco Junco hyemalis  
 Date of Sighting: 11 January 2011 to 21 January 2011  
 County : LEBANON  
 Location : FORT INDIANTOWN GAP

Observer(s): David McNaughton, Jason Derr  
 Date of Submission: 2011  
 Submitted by: David McNaughton, Jason Derr

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	
D. DeReamus	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)      Nick Pulcinella

Date: 8/2/11