

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	Terry Lobdell, Alejandra Lewandowski
Species (Common Name)	Dark-eyed Junco
Species (Scientific Name)	Junco hyemalis
Subspecies (if known)	Oreganus group
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	02-04-2018 10:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Crawford
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Townville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Seiler Road
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.711098, -79.891642
Habitat	Rural residential yard
Distance to bird	10 m
Viewing conditions	overcast and snowy
Description	Slate gray hood with convex lower border across upper breast. Brown back set off fairly sharply from most of gray head, with some diffuse brown color extending onto center of back of head. Brown also extensive on inner wing coverts and secondaries/tertials, blending to medium gray on outer wing. Flanks a paler tan color than back, meeting lower border of gray hood without colors blending. Belly and undetail whitish. Bill and legs pink.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Visited bird feeder platform, then flew back into low bushes.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Dark gray hood extending down across breast but not out into pale brown flanks, and very limited brown on head combined with entirely brown back seem to exclude other junco subspecies groups.

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

I think this bird is pretty clearly not a pure "Slate-colored" Junco and it certainly stuck out from the many other juncos present. From the sources I've seen, I don't see anything out of line with this being a typical "Oregon" Junco. However, I have little experience with the possible variation in other junco groups or intergrades, and variation in taxonomic treatment of these confuses matters, so care in identification is warranted.

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

No - "Oregon" seems to be the best match but see discussion notes.

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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