

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	32935 Seiler Rd. Townville PA 16360 United States
Names of additional observers	Terry Lobdell
Species (Common Name)	Dark-Eyed Junco (Oregon)
Species (Scientific Name)	Junco hyemalis
Subspecies (if known)	oreganus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	immature female
Observation Date and Time	11-07-2019 12:20 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S61254777
County	Crawford
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Townville, Steuben Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	32935 Seiler Rd.
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.711089, -79.891565
Habitat	backyard bird feeders
Distance to bird	about ten feet
Viewing conditions	snowing
Optical equipment used	Bushnell binoculars, Nikon D500 camera with 300mm f/4 lens

Description

Defined light gray hood, bright brown flanks and back. Obvious striation in back wing feathers. Noticeably smaller than the other, Slate-Colored birds, which were behaving aggressively towards it

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

Eating black oil sunflower seed at the platform feeders on its own. Any other junco who arrived on a particular feeder chased it off

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Definitely a Junco - not a Slate-colored because of obvious hood, distinct brown flanks, not a Pink-sided due to face being too dark, without dark black lores. Not a Cassiar because flanks bright brown instead of grayish brown, bright brown back

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

Among the many Slate-Colored Dark-Eyed Juncos that come to our yard, I regularly see a few that are probably Cassiar Slate-colored birds, but this one had much bolder colors and a more distinct hood.

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

I am not 100% positive because I am not an expert on subtle differences between subspecies, though I learned a lot by talking with people

During

Sibley guide

After

The Junco Complex Facebook group, others online

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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