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Lock Haven, PA 17745
April 20, 1995

Pennsylvania Birds
2469 Hammettown Road
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Haas,

I am enclosing some prints and corresponding negatives of photographs that I took February 3, 1995 of the adult dark-morph "Western" Red-Tailed Hawk which has been observed just north of State College, PA. this past January through March as reported by John Peplinski for the Centre County report for PA. Birds. Another dark-morph RT had been observed by myself and others January through March of 1994 in the identical area as reported by John for Centre County's report for Jan. - Mar. 1994, as well as the February 1992 reports by Ted Floyd and Jeff Hoover within one mile of the 1994 and 1995 sightings. It is suspected that this may be the same individual bird based on the fact that the sightings have been in the same area and that the description of the bird is consistently the same.

The body of this bird was a very dark chocolate brown with the strikingly red tail evident when perched. A wide dark subterminal band on the tail was also very noticeable. The description of the bird while soaring compares very well to Ted Floyd's

description of the 1992 bird in flight. The overall general description of this 1995 bird also compares very well to the Clark and Wheeler field guide description and illustrations. John reviewed my photos and we both agreed that the aerial photo may be the most useful. The perching shot was taken shortly after the aerial photo when the hawk sought refuge in the nearby trees from crows that were chasing it. It clearly shows the red tail and also the subterminal band can be seen. If you think that either photo can be used, feel free to do so. The aerial photo is a 5x7 enlargement of the original. You may keep both these prints. I would appreciate the negatives returned at a later date.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Julscher

P.S. Thanks very much for the Eared Oriole photo.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Red-tailed Hawk (dark morph) (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

Date of Sighting: 27 January 1995 to 13 March 1995

Location: STATE COLLEGE

County: CENTRE

Observer(s): Wayne Laubscher

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Wayne Laubscher

Written Description: YES Photo: YES Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
N. Pulcinella	X							
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
S. Feldstein	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

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