

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

June, 11, 1996

Ted Grisez
10 Belmont Drive
Warren, PA 16365

Dear Ted,

Thank you for submitting details on the "White-winged" Junco you trapped and banded at your home in Warren, Warren County on 4 April 1994 to P.O.R.C. After careful review and further research, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The record circulated the committee for two rounds and there was much discussion regarding its identification. The committee felt that the wing chord measurements given in the report (77.5 mm) did not fall within the acceptable wing chord measurements for "White-winged" Junco (83-90 mm) as given in Pyle et al. (1987 Identification Guide to North American Passerines). Most members felt the description was suggestive of a Slate-colored Junco with white wing bars, of which, some members were familiar with from museum specimens.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 840-01-1994

What is it?

10 Belmont Dr.
Warren, Pa. 16365
Nov. 3, 1994

P.O.R.C.
2469 Hammertown Rd.
Narvon, Pa. 17555

Dear Committee Members,

I am enclosing slide duplicates and accounts of a laughing gull, Oregon junco, and another junco that resembles a white-winged form.

I was surprised to see that the P.O.R.C. reviewed Oregon junco. They have been recorded on the Warren CBC in 1964, '67, '78, and '81. This one was at Norman Samuelson's house in Sheffield, Warren County, in January, 1973. I don't know the day of the photo, but I do remember the sharp delineation between the black head, neck and breast and the brown back.

840-01-1973

The junco with white wing bars was trapped and banded at my home on the edge of Warren on April 4, 1994. My notes say that it was "dark gray with 3 or 4 greater wing coverts and 5 or 6 middle wing coverts tipped with white, overall very dark with less than 1/2" of brown on the back and more than 2 1/2 outer white tail feathers on each side". The wing chord measured 77.5 mm., which the Bird Banding Office considers sex unknown. By 3 or 4 wing coverts and 5 or 6, I mean there were 3 on one wing and 4 on the other, etc. More than 2 1/2 white tail feathers means that the third was not completely white.

840-01-1994

On April 11, 1994, another junco that was similar except that one less covert in each bar was white-tipped, and the wing chord was 79mm., which is considered a male. I did not note any brown on it. Neither bird was recaptured.

I submitted my banding report on these as slate-colored juncos along with my notes (no photo), and have not received any reply about it. Either they agree or did not really review it. I'll be very interested in your conclusion.

Sincerely,

Ted Grisez
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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: **Dark-eyed (White-winged) Junco (Junco hyemalis)**

Date of Sighting: **4 April 1994 to 4 April 1994**

Location: **WARREN**

County: **WARREN**

Observer(s): **Ted Grisez**

Date of Submission: **1994**

Submitted by: **Ted Grisez**

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: *5-1-96*

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

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F. Haas							X	
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R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams								X
P. Schwalbe	X							
S. Feldstein							X	
TOTALS	4						2	1
DECISION								

Comments:

Send for second Round.

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

9-19-95