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Other observers who saw the bird	
Species (Common Name)	Swainson's Warbler
Species (Scientific Name)	Limnothlypis swainsonii alta
Subspecies (if known)	alta (Appalachian Mountain)
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s)	unknown age, male
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Location (City, Borough, Township)	Westmoreland County
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Linn Run Road
Habitat	rhododendron laurel thickets along Fish Run
Distance to bird	20-40m
Viewing conditions	NA
Optical equipment used	NA
Description	Bird was heard singing typical Appalachian song and recorded. I attempted to see the bird for over an hour until it stopped singing and could not relocate. Bird was singing from very thick areas and impossible to see.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird calling from thickets along stream and up onto lower slope above stream. Their song is short, but it would call incessantly for about 10 minutes from one location and then move.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Song different from Louisiana Waterthrush, SWWA is more abbreviated and slightly rising first notes. Song can be similar to Hooded as well, however hooded vocalizations are more similar to lowland birds,

presumably learned. Additionally, Hooded's vocalizations are not very "bright" and not as loud and ringing as Swainson's songs are. Lastly both Louisiana Waterthrush and Hooded have a much different tonal quality.

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

To help hear the times when the bird is vocalizing in the audio, use the htm file and play from within the blog post. Drew Weber inserted audio markers to help.

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

Yes, I study vocalizations and am positive that this was an Appalachian race of Swainson's Warbler.

During

After

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Audio

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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