

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	Street Address: 109 green manor dr City: butler State / Province: pa Postal / Zip Code: 16002 Country: United States
Species (Common Name)	townsend solitaire
Species (Scientific Name)	myadestes townsendi
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	01-29-2014 4:20 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	butler
Location (City, Borough, Township)	summit twp
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	109 green manor dr GPS Location: 40.820175,-79.87048
Habitat	open yard
Distance to bird	5-10 ft
Viewing conditions	clear cold day, sunny
Description	Bird was flying from tree next to house to melting icicle to get a drink. Bird had feathers puffed out due to temperatures in the negatives. Was very close to bird and was able to rule out mocking bird and catbird. Also noted long tail with white on either side when it flew away. Noticed white bars on wings, white eye rings and slight dark bars across eyes to beak. Was about the size of a robin.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird was drinking from a melting icicle from house gutter, and flying to a tree about 5-7 ft from my location inside house. I attempted to get a photo and bird flew away to nearby tree about 40ft away. Bird also tended to flick tail and look between feet. Also noticed water dripping from beak to verify it indeed had been drinking from dripping icicle.
Separation from similar species	Lighter and no dark cap on top like catbird. Had white eye

(How you eliminated others)

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

Note I live near two prominent tree nurseries one of which grows alot of junipers. This occurred to me after doing research on bird and consulting with my father about sighting.

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

yes. one of first times when i looked up in peterson guide, virtually everything i saw matched townsend solitaire

During

peterson field guide of eastern birds. (no range map in book to consult,however) only picture and brief description

After

my father, nursery owner and avid outdoorsman Charles Hinchberger

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