

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-04-13 21:18:30
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 2 Knollbrook Circle City: Malvern State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19355 Country: United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Painted Bunting
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Passerina ciris
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult male in breeding plumage
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	03-22-2016 7:40 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S28482162">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S28482162</a>
<b>County</b>	Chester
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Phoenixville, PA
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Hickory Springs Farm (private residence)
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N 40.06509 W 75.35191
<b>Habitat</b>	Brushy area
<b>Distance to bird</b>	25 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear, cold morning soon after sunrise
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Nikon D7100 with Sigma Contemporary 150-600 mm Lens
<b>Description</b>	Sparrow-sized bird, red breast, blue head, green back, red eye ring.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	It was spotted darting around the underbrush near a low-lying wet area before it perched on top of a bush. Bird was calm as it moved from a stalk to the upper portion of the low bush, approximately 8 feet off the ground. Bird was observed and photographed from the side of the brushy area where the ground slopes up and away from the wet area.

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

The bird was observed two days later on March 24th by Tom Connett (homeowner), Mike Defina, Brian Quindlen, Michael Hartshorne, Holly Merker (Chester County eBird rep), and Brian Henderson (Montgomery County eBird rep). All parties were able to photograph the bird both in the brush and on the homeowner's feeder.

The bird was first seen by the homeowner on March 4, 2016 and last seen on April 4, 2016.

Photos included. High-resolution photos also available upon request.

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

Yes, the Painted Bunting is an unmistakable bird.

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**



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