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Documentation

Species (Common Name)	Hoary Redpoll
Species (Scientific Name)	Acanthis hornemanni
Subspecies (if known)	Most likely Acanthis hornemanni exilipes
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Female
Observation Date and Time	Saturday, January 2, 2021 11:20
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S78485936
County	Butler

Location (City, Borough, Township)	Washington Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	SGL 95, Meals Road
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.0338501, -79.8591350
Habitat	Deciduous hardwood forest edge of sunflower and corn field
Distance to bird	25m
Viewing conditions	Cloudy, overcast
Optical equipment used	Kowa TSN 772 scope with 20-60x
Description	Female redpoll with clean white rump and clean white undertail coverts, bold white wing covert bar, frosted nape and back, red poll was mostly toward anterior crown, stubby bill giving impression of pushed in face, reduced flank streaking. Video available here: https://youtu.be/SQti-CXT-HY
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Perched in deciduous trees on edge of field with common redpolls. No other behavior observed.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Only confusion is with common redpoll. Female common redpoll does not show clean white rump and undertail coverts. Frosted grayish appearance to nape and back does not appear in common redpoll - these characteristics on common redpoll are brown toned. Common redpoll also exhibits longer bill and red cap extending farther back on head.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Matt Young from Finch Research Network verified identification via photos and video: https://youtu.be/SQti-CXT-HY
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes. See above description.

References Consulted

During	None.
After	Matt Young: Finch Research Network, Sibley Guide to Birds of North America app, Finch Research Network resources online

Uploads

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Video

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