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Names of additional observers	Travis Suckow, Becky Costello

Documentation

Species (Common Name)	Hoary Redpoll
Species (Scientific Name)	Acanthis hornemanni
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	Thursday, February 4, 2021 15:20
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S80429272
County	Warren
Location (City, Borough, Township)	North Warren

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Hatch Run Rd. and Conewango Ave.
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 41.8937022, W 79.1403623
Habitat	weedy, snow-covered field
Distance to bird	approx. 30 ft
Viewing conditions	hazy afternoon sunlight
Optical equipment used	Bushnell Legend binoculars, Nikon D500 w/ 300mm f/4 telephoto
Description	Small finch with red cap, very little streaking on flanks, undertail coverts almost completely bare, bright white rump. Steely, frosty color compared to surrounding Common Redpolls.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Frenetically feeding in weeds with Common Redpolls. The flock would repeatedly come into the weeds and feed from a few seconds to about a minute, and then take off and circle around, sometimes landing in the same place they just were, and sometimes going elsewhere. Periodically they would roost in some tall trees across the street before returning to the field.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	The bird was surrounded by Common Redpolls and easily stood out from them due to overall frostiness and steely color, compared to the brownish Commons.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	I am submitting a record for an individual bird seen on the date listed, but I also observed a Hoary Redpoll at the same spot on 2/12, and others have gone there and seen Hoaries there, too. Travis Suckow, who originally found the bird, believes there are at least two at this location.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, I am positive- bird has the field marks for Hoary and was confirmed by multiple people online

References Consulted

After Finch Research Network

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Photograph

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