

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2023-1 and 1a Species: Painted Bunting – Summers Co

Vote (select only one) _X_ For State List _Hypothetical List _Against _Exotic

Reasons voting FOR the record: *(attach more pages if necessary)*

- CM1) The attached photographs, although blurry, show an adult male Painted Bunting. Neither report standing on its own really gives a detailed description of the bird, but taken together, along with the photographs, the identification of this bird is confirmed.
- CM2) Sighting by experienced birder and although somewhat blurry, photographic evidence provided clearly shows a male Painted Bunting. There are no similar birds that would exhibit this pattern of blue, red and green. Painted Bunting sightings in West Virginia tend to be in the eastern part of the state and Pipestem fits that area.
- CM3) Pictures and description are accurate.
- CM4) Supporting documentation and photos leave little to be debated on whether this is a male Painted Bunting.
- CM5) Bird was clearly described and photographed in reports. Not much doubt about identification.
- CM6) Bird seen and photographed by credible observers. Photograph clearly depicts identifying characteristics.
- CM7) Applicant provided detailed observations and had prior knowledge of this species. Also, the sighting was witnessed by Jim and Judy Phillips – reliable witnesses.