

## Painted Bunting 2

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: This bird presents as a Painted Bunting.

CM2: This record is well-supported with ample photographic documentation. A male Painted Bunting in breeding plumage is a pretty unique looking bird. More written notes would have been ideal, but the photographs alone are sufficient. As with any extravagantly plumaged bird, one must at least consider the issue of provenance. This bird shows no signs of cage wear in the photographs though. This bird also showed up during a time frame when Painted Buntings frequently overshoot their breeding grounds, perhaps weather-assisted. Just as this bird, those birds do not tend to linger. A vote FOR this record is appropriate in my opinion.

CM3: Excellent Documentation of a completely unmistakable species and plumage!

CM4: Photo documentation.

CM5: I vote to include the Monongalia County Painted Bunting record for official state list. The report, with supporting photographs, provides the evidence to conclusively include in the record. The photographs are unmistakable adult male with brilliant blue head, green back, red rump and red belly.

CM6: Nice photo documentation.

CM7: A picture says a thousand words. I have studied Painted Buntings in coastal Georgia and banded 50 of them during my time there. The adult male Painted Bunting is indistinguishable from any other species due to the rare combination of blue head, red belly and yellow-green back and wings.