

Brewer's Blackbird

Accepted 6-1

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: The lack of photos, recordings, etc. is suboptimal, but certainly understandable in this case given the circumstances of the report. The sighting has been confirmed by two skilled and trusted birders with previous experience with this species. Most of the previous accepted records have been from similar areas of the state. And, with multiple previous sightings, the burden of proof in my mind is not quite as substantial as a 1st or 2nd record. A vote FOR this record is thus justified in my opinion.

CM2: In my opinion given the amount of details that were submitted additional species cannot be eliminated. I understand that the observers are excellent and well trusted. However, I do not think that a record should be accepted on the observer's merit alone. In my opinion if this record came in completely anonymously or from an observer of unknown experience it would not be accepted. I feel that is how the record should be reviewed. For that reason I must vote against this record.

CM3: Good description. Very reliable observers

CM4: Experienced observer. Multiple observers. Prior experience with species.

CM5: Observations on size and coloration are consistent with Brewer's Blackbird; reporter had prior experience with the species and there was a witness who signed as concurring. It would have been nice to have a picture, but the sighting was 8 years ago now.

CM6: Documented well.

CM7: Accepted without comment