

Painted Bunting

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: The photographs are definitive. The report itself does contain a few minor logical inconsistencies but the photos leave no doubt as to the identification. The bird has no obvious bands on its legs and shows no signs of cage wear, at least visible in the photos. It would have been preferable to have these items mentioned in the report of course. Timing fits with current knowledge of migratory patterns of this species and it is not terribly far out of range. Therefore, a vote FOR this record is justified in my opinion.

CM2: Completely unmistakable bird in the male breeding plumage! Photos leave no doubt to the identification. Timing is also correct for a natural vagrant. Great documentation!

CM3: Accepted without comment

CM4: Photographic evidence. I looked at the aerial photography of the street address and it appears that there is a wooden fence rail in the yard like there is in the photographs.

CM5: Not much else looks like a painted bunting! The picture is determinative. Since it is an April report, the red maple in flower stage is consistent with the timing of the report. She mentions in her report that "blue buntings" are often seen in her area, but I suspect she means indigo bunting. Probably not a regular birder. I am presuming that since the report is accompanied by a good photograph that it can qualify as a State List species now and no longer be considered hypothetical.

CM6: Well documented.

CM7: Accepted without comment.