

VOTING SUMMARY

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2024-1

Species: Tricolored Heron - Kanawha Co.

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

CM1 - Descriptions of plumage and other characteristics

Photographs clearly identify species.

CM2 - Well-documented and photographed bird seen by many observers. Other herons/egrets easily eliminated by plumage.

CM3 - This sighting is well described by the observer and photographic evidence is provided to further document the record. The description and photographs rule out other herons and egrets (Great Blue, Green, Little Blue, Snowy and Reddish). The photographs also provide a nice size comparison that demonstrates the bird was of the appropriate size for a Tri-colored Heron. I was fortunate to see this bird first hand with Richard Gregg several days after he first discovered it and can support this record personally.

CM4 - Image and description is consistent with this species

CM5 - Accurate field identification. Experienced observer.

CM6 - Nice writeup. Photos indeed show a young Tricolored Heron

CM7 - Attached photos confirm the species, report and photos submitted from a reputable birder, written descriptions in report were thorough and supportive.