

IORC #2012.038

Painted Bunting

Email to IORC gmail account from "Pete Moxon <[REDACTED]>" on 21 Jan 2013 with four photos attached, labelled e.g. "PABU#4-01adj-Adlt2012-StCl.jpg", from which date as year 2012, location as St. Clair County, and documenter/photographer as Pete Moxon is inferred.

Hi Joe & Jim,

I do not know if any of the Southern boys had PABU, but i do have a few pics that I didn't think would turn out.

They are attached. I have blown them up slightly & cropped them, so you can see them better. These 2 birds were extremely back-lit. The labels on the pics refer to specific individuals in specific locations.

The pics I had of the 2011 birds were much better.

One pic series is of a "Full Breeding Plumage" Adult from where I had one last year in (not from the casino area location).

I also had 1 Sub-adult in a new secondary-- or as it were 'FOURTH-ary' location.

The location of the PABU#4-Adult in "Full Breeding Plumage is in of the same locations that I had 2 of last years birds.

I call this "location #2" where I had PABU #2--ADULT, and PABU#3 SubAdult.

The location of PABU#5-SubA is in a new & 4th location (diff from the 3 locations I had in 2011 but close by)

All 4 locations (Loc#1 being the historical-original location--near the casino-just N of it) are fairly close in proximity.

By close in proximity I mean within a few miles radius--- which is very close together--- with regards to "DISPERSAL" of a BREEDING POPULATION!!

I have additional photos of 3 of the 5 male birds I located in 2011. All were males (3 Full Adults & 2 Sub-Adult)

I only located 2 this year(but had very little time by comparison) 1 Full Adult & 1 Sub-Adult.

I have kept the exact locations guarded for several reasons, and have discussed them in only general proximity with Steve Bailey, and will do so with Dave Bolin & Doug Stotz as time allows.

The area is somewhat dangerous as Dan K has previously implied , but probably not much worse than some S.Cook locations.

hopefully as I continue to research this species dispersal, we can find some that everyone can

go see.

Thanks &
GOOD BIRDING!!