

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2012-039

Name of bird form: Red-naped Sapsucker

Committee member name: Josh Engel

Date of review: 12/21/17

Circulation number: 3rd

Vote: A-E(photo)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 3rd circulation]

I'm sympathetic to Matt's feeling that there isn't that one diagnostic feature, like the song of the Cassin's Vireo, that eliminates other candidate species. However, I remain convinced that from the sum total of evidence, Red-naped Sapsucker is the correct identification of this individual.

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Record #: 2012-039

Name of bird form: Red-naped Sapsucker

Committee member name: Fraker

Date of review: 1/23/18

Circulation number: 3rd

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 3rd circulation]

Remaining with my previous vote based on my aforementioned concerns.

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Record #: 2012-039

Name of bird form: Red-naped Sapsucker

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 1-10-18

Circulation number: 3rd

Vote: A-E (photo)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 3rd circulation]

I voted to accept during the previous pass, and I stand by that decision for reasons previously stated. After reviewing the comments of other committee members, I don't see any reason to change my vote.

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Record #: 2012-039

Name of bird form: Red-naped Sapsucker

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 12-20-17

Circulation number: 3rd

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 3rd circulation]

I still believe we can not rule 100% the bird isn't a hybrid. I believe some of the photos look good for Red-naped but others look like a typical Yellow-bellied so I have difficulty in changing my vote. Therefore, I'm not changing my vote.

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Record #: 2012-039

Name of bird form: Red-naped Sapsucker

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 15 January 2018

Circulation number: 3rd

Vote: A-E(photo)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 3rd circulation] I think this bird is clearly not a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; it has no characteristic that points to Yellow-bellied rather than Red-naped and a number of features that suggest Red-naped. None of the features visible in the photo by themselves is adequate to establish this bird as a Red-naped Sapsucker, but the fact that all of the characteristics (nape, throat pattern, back pattern and underparts color) point to Red-naped Sapsucker lead me to think that we have to accept this as a Red-naped Sapsucker. The possibility of hybrid has been brought up, but I cannot see anything that actually suggests hybridization. Given that there must be orders of magnitude more pure Red-naped Sapsuckers than hybrid Red-naped x Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and the absence of any characters that really suggests hybridization leads me to think that the possibility can be safely dismissed.

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Record #: 2012-039

Name of bird form: Red-naped Sapsucker

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 12/4/17

Circulation number: 3rd

Vote: A-E(p)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 3rd circulation]

This is an admittedly difficult ID, but I see no reason to change my vote at this point.

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Record #: 2012-039

Name of bird form: Red-naped Sapsucker

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 26 November 2017

Circulation number: 3rd

Vote: A-E(photo)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 3rd circulation]

I don't have anything further to add to the analysis that I provided in the first circulation. Summarizing: many good features supporting Red-naped, none supporting Yellow-bellied, hence I feel we have to go for Red-naped.

There are two members voted not to accept: Fraker and McMullen.

Fraker's position seems to me to be one asking for a slam-dunk definitive Red-naped. This is a reasonable position to hold; however, I think we would miss many good records with such a standard. I presume by "hybrid scale chart" he references chart used in Project Sapsucker (in Alberta, Canada) noted in the ID-Frontiers email exchange. I am not sure how one interprets the scores that Fraker gives. I think they are consistent with my position (features support Red-naped), and also his (which I am interpreting as not everything at the very extreme of Red-naped).

McMullen seems unconvinced that this bird is anything other than a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. I am interested to hear why Red-naped is excluded in his view.