

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2012-039

**Name of bird form:** Red-naped Sapsucker

**Committee member name:** Josh Engel

**Date of review:** May 14, 2018

**Circulation number:** 4th

**Vote:** A-E(photos)

**Comments:** [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 4th circulation]

I'm still convinced that this is a Red-naped Sapsucker, for the reasons previously stated. I suppose that a backcross can't be fully excluded, but that seems like too high a bar to set for acceptance, since that argument could be made for many birds.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2012-039

**Name of bird form:** Red-naped Sapsucker

**Committee member name:** Matt Fraker

**Date of review:** 7 April 2018

**Circulation number:** 4th

**Vote:** A-E

**Comments:** [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 4th circulation] I want to thank Doug and Geoff for taking the time for their continued thorough and specific replies. Having spent at least four weeks a year each year for the past 19 years (since this bird was given specific status in 1998) encountering this species in the field in Wyoming, my biggest hang-up is my “not quite right” feel and wanting 100% justification on the hybrid issue. And yet why would that not be just as strong a “hang-up” on the Cassin’s Vireo record that has NO physical documentation that I voted to accept?? (a complex with genetic analyses from contact zones that do demonstrate hybridization, and further complicating the issue this quote from the Handbook of Avian Hybrids “Vireos and Greenlets” p.219: “Numerous records...of Yellow-throated Vireos singing the song of Solitary and vice versa, or of one bird singing both songs”)

Having re-read the excellent commentary provided by this committee on this report, I now do feel that the IORC has made a successful and very technical argument in favor of this record, so I am changing my vote to accept. The observer’s efforts, while not necessarily ever a reason to accept a record in and of itself, were also extremely impressive in providing the documentation for this record.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

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**Name of bird form:** Red-naped Sapsucker

**Committee member name:** Walter Marcisz

**Date of review:** 4-14-18

**Circulation number:** 4th

**Vote:** A-E (photo)

**Comments:** [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 4th circulation]

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

## IORC EVALUATION FORM

**Record #:** 2012-039

**Name of bird form:** Red-naped Sapsucker

**Committee member name:** McMullen

**Date of review:** 4-10-18

**Circulation number:** 4th

**Vote:** U-I

**Comments:** [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 4th circulation]

As I've stated before, 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. I'm willing to accept the bird is not a hybrid based on Doug's compelling arguments at our IORC meeting in January. However, I'm just not comfortable with all the photos pointing to, dare I say, a "slam-dunk" Red-naped. I simply can't jump on the bandwagon and say it's a Red-naped Sapsucker. I don't like being "that guy", but I'm not 100% convinced.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

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**Name of bird form:** Red-naped Sapsucker

**Committee member name:** Douglas Stotz

**Date of review:** 4 April 2018

**Circulation number:** 4th

**Vote:** A-E(photo)

**Comments:** [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 4th circulation] I stand by my position on previous circulations. I think the photos clearly show a Red-naped Sapsucker. There is nothing that suggests an aberrant Yellow-bellied and as far as a hybrid Red-naped X Yellow-bellied is concerned, I think only the fact that it is not at the extreme end of Red-naped Sapsucker even suggests that. However, I don't think any of the characters you can see well on this bird in the photos is outside the range acceptable for a Red-naped Sapsucker.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2012-039

**Name of bird form:** Red-naped Sapsucker

**Committee member name:** Paul Sweet

**Date of review:** 4/26/18

**Circulation number:** 4th

**Vote:** A-E(photo)

**Comments:** [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 4th circulation]

While I'm perhaps a bit less certain than I once was, I still think the balance of ID points fit this species.

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2012-039

**Name of bird form:** Red-naped Sapsucker

**Committee member name:** Geoffrey A. Williamson

**Date of review:** 26 March 2018

**Circulation number:** 4th

**Vote:** A-E(photo)

**Comments:** [required since this is a potential first state record and since this is a 4th circulation]

I don't have anything further to add beyond what I have said previously. A summary of my remarks is that everything seems to fit with Red-naped Sapsucker, and to me there has been no strong case presented for why hybrid origin would be a good fit.