HOUSE FINCHES AT GLENOLDEN, PENNSYLVANIA
by John A. Gillespie

(Note: This account of the occurrence of the House Finch at Glen-olden was received only two days before Mr. Gillespie's untimely death.-Editor)

On December 24th, while watching several Purple Finches at our window feeder, I noted that something was 'wrong' with two of them. Upon closer scrutiny, I came to the startling conclusion that they were House Finches, a species we are familiar with in the West (We banded a pair in California a year ago.). Three House Finches were in evidence later that day, one female and two males. In an effort to hold them at our station, sunflower seed and peanut hearts have been copiously scattered about, with success to date, since today (March 8) is the 76th consecutive day they have come to feed.

The female was banded January 14 and one male the next day. The word soon spread that these birds were in Glenolden, with the result that about forty bird watchers came to see them. It is likely that these birds are from the Long Island colony, though Julian K. Potter thinks it possible they may have come from the West. If only they had been banded elsewhere, their origin could be determined.

We understand that Raymond Middleton saw one at Norristown, and William Middleton banded one at Wenonah, New Jersey. Miss Peggy Good-win has recently banded one at Westtown School, Pennsylvania.

Our banded pair wear pink bands for ready identification. On several occasions, I have seen the unbanded male feeding the female, with wings fluttering. Wishful thinking, perhaps, but should such actions continue, it could lead to one obvious conclusion - a Glenolden House Finch colony! --John A. Gillespie, Glenolden, Pennsylvania
P.S.: None collected!   *   *   *

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