**Townsend’s Warbler (Setophaga townsendi)**

**(1-female/ImmMale)**

**Location: Valley View Circle, Amherst, Massachusetts (Hampshire County)**

**Date: November 21, 2013**

**Observer: Barry Brooks**

**History – This report just came to my attention about six weeks ago. Barry Brooks of Amherst, Mass stopped by the Hitchcock Center for the environment (Amherst) and asked Ted Watt if he could help him identify this bird he photographed in November 2013. Ted looked at the photos and was very surprised to see Barry had photographed a Townsend’s Warbler in his yard.**

**Ted called me at work and asked if he could have Barry stop by and confirm his ID of the warbler…..come on down.**

**Barry produced 4-5 photos of a beautiful male Townsend’s Warbler that was hanging out around the house for about 10-15 minutes on Nov. 21st, 2013.**

**(photos attached)**

**I told Barry that this could be a first Western Massachusetts record, but I would call Seth Kellogg in Southwick to confirm this. I spoke to Seth a couple of hours later, and he could not locate any sight records of Townsend’s Warbler in his data base.**

**If accepted by the M.A.R.C. it’s very likely a first for the Western part of the State.**

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