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2006 157th day - 208 days follow

YARD

E. Phoebe (1), E. Bluebird

Black-Bellied WHISTLING Duck-

Pleasantville, Berks Co PA

Starheat since 6/4

The duck was on a small farm pond on Kauffman Rd. Initially the bird was hidden and then flew out into the pond. IT associated with a ♂ Mallard

Description: a Whistling-Duck with black belly, deep dark rusty brown chest & throat. Butty-face, dark eye with prominent white eye-ring. The bill was bright red with a white tip there was a white horizontal stripe on the side. The legs were a pale pink-red. The crown & rest of head other than the face was a dark rusty brown.

The bird was observed mostly as it stood on the pond bank or on a rock

No vocal heard

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna autumnalis)
Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): This was an adult in breeding plumage

DATE OF OBSERVATION June 5, 2006 TIME approximately 0900

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Pleasantville, Berks County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Kaufman Road

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Pamela D. Fisher
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Fritz Brock

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Unmowed Small pond surrounded by unmowed field.

DISTANCE TO BIRD 75-100 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) It was mostly cloudy, but there was some sun.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Pushnell 12X50

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): PINK legs, red bill, rusty red chest and black belly. This bird had large white wing patches in flight. It had a very upright posture compared to the Mallard in the same pond. The legs seemed longer than a normal dabbling duck.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) It flew in from the vegetation it had been hiding in, and landed in the middle of the pond. It then swam to the far shore, drank a little, then tucked its head under its wing.

VOCALIZATIONS None

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording Audio recording Drawing

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

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Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) Shape and posture. The pink legs and red bill were obvious. The black belly was different from any duck I have ever seen.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Fritz Brock had his scope there. He allowed me to look through it. I could count the feathers on this duck, his scope was that good!

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES This was a life bird for me!

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes. Because I saw it very clearly through my optics as well as others. There were two other birders there that confirmed my ID, and they had been reported there previously.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation Peterson's Birds of Eastern and Central North America 5th ed.
After observation _____

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 7 July 2006

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Pamela P. Fisher

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna autumnalis)

Date of Sighting: 4 June 2006 to 18 June 2006

Location: PLEASANTVILLE

County : BERKS

Observer(s): Patrick O'Donnell, Rudy Keller et al.

Date of Submission: 2006

Submitted by: T. Amico, T. Johnson, G. Malosh, P. Fisher, N. Pulcinella

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)



Date:

11/16/06