

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-10-27 15:19:53
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Pamela Fisher
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	761 Willow Lane Gap Pennsylvania 17527 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Barbara Hunsberger, Mary Alice High, John Shenk, Thyra Sperry, Steven Swanson
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Black-bellied Whistling Duck
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-26-2016 2:10 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Martindale
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Hurst Road
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.165686, -76.093554
<b>Habitat</b>	Farm
<b>Distance to bird</b>	30 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Beautifully clear day, the sun was behind us and to our right for excellent lighting conditions.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Bushnell 10x42 binoculars and a Leupold 20-45x80 Spotting Scope
<b>Description</b>	About the size of a Mallard. Pink bill, gray face, chestnut upperparts and crown. Black belly, chestnut chest, and white patches visible on the wings when it flew. Pink legs and feet.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	It was sleeping when we arrived, but flew into the water. It floated around for a short while, then got ashore on the far bank, and preened and slept.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

It doesn't look like anything from around here.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

There has been some speculation that this might be a semi domesticated bird, however there were no bands, the hind toes were present, and it could fly perfectly well. The farm owners sons said it just showed up one day about two weeks ago.

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)**

Yes. I have only ever seen this species before, and they look like nothing else around here.

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**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-11-13 13:11:05
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Zachary Millen
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	239 Miller Rd Apt 10 Akron PA 17501 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Bruce Carl, Larry Bernhardt
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-25-2016 7:30 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32222480">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32222480</a>
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Ephrata
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Farm Ln
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.1702608,-76.0948223
<b>Habitat</b>	Pond
<b>Distance to bird</b>	~60m
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Vortex Viper 20-60x80
<b>Description</b>	Large duck, thick, long pink legs, black belly, chestnut body, white wings, pink bill and gray head.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Spent most of time on the far bank, then moved to the plywood platform pictured. Wasn't observed to feed. Stuck near a Mallard flock, but not with it and was harassed by them several times. Seemed to keep an eye on us while we observed.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Unmistakable.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

Several things indicate that this may very well be a wild bird: lack of a band, presence of hind toes, and ability to fly (it moved ponds or was flushed several times that we know of). Two fairly large wild flocks in New Jersey broke up over the late summer, and perhaps that's where this bird originated. It had been frequenting the nearby pond at the corner of Hurst Rd for at least 4-6 weeks prior to word making it to the birding community. Was observed by locals to make whistling calls while in flight, and never acted tame to my knowledge. Continued through at least 5 Nov 16.

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)**

Yes

**During**

None

**After**

None

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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