

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	1701 Marsh Creek Road Howard PA 16841 United States
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Species (Common Name)	Black-bellied Whistling-duck
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Subspecies (if known)	fulgens
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	07-12-2019 7:10 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S58130062
County	Clinton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Mill Hall
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Central Mountain High School wetlands
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 41.113656 W 77.505321
Habitat	Wetland
Distance to bird	30 yards
Viewing conditions	Clear sunny day, sun at our backs. Calm wind, 80 degees.
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 10x42 binoculars, Leupold Ventana 15-45 spotting scope, Motorola smartphone, Nikon D7200 with 300mm lens

Description

Large duck with red bill, grey upper neck and face with white eyering, pink-red legs, black belly, white wing stripe while at rest. Rockstar mohawk look from the chestnut brown body color that extends up the back of the neck and over the top of the head. Skinny-necked appearance.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Foraging during our observation. It was standing belly deep in the water and would fully submerge its head for long periods, then come up seemingly more to scan for danger than to eat the mouthful it had collected.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Nothing similar in this region.

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

The bird remains at this time, 7/13/2019, at the same location. Attached photos include 7/12 digiscoped photos and 7/13 DSLR photos.

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

Yes. This is a unique bird in size and shape as well as coloration.

During

iBird Pro phone app, Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America

After

Cornell's All About Birds

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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