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RARE BIRD Report Form

This form is a required attachment to the RTPHW Daily Count Sheet when reporting RARE or UNUSUAL bird sightings at RTPHW.

SPECIESCommon Name: Pink-footed GooseScientific Name: Anser brachyrhynchus

Subspecies (if known): _____

REPORTING OBSERVERName: Janet CrawfordAddress: 215 Leona DriveCity: Glenmoore, PA 19343Email: janet.l.c @ att.netOther observers (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Nick Pulcinella, Larry Lewis**SIGHTING DETAILS**Date of Observation: ① 11/01/04 Time: ① 10:18 am
② 11/11/04 ② 4:03 am

Location (city, borough, township): _____

Exact Site (e.g. name of park, lake, road): ① Chambers Lake, Hi Bona Park ② Coatesville ReservoirNumber of Individuals: 1 Sexes: _____

Age(s) and Plumage(s) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; state of molt if applicable): _____

Distance to Bird: 50' ? (I'm really bad on distance)Viewing Conditions (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Clear + cold. ① sun overhead② sun to leftHabitat: (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details): Lake with partial iceBehavior (describe in detail what the bird was doing): Sleeping, Walking on ice

Vocalizations (if any): _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Include as much detail as you can recall - "jizz" (general overall feeling about the bird), size, colors, patterns, bill and leg proportions - all relevant features!

Slightly smaller than surrounding Canada Geese, also shorter neck + bill. White at base of bill. Base of bill black, pink in middle, black nails. Brown head + neck. Wings brown edged with white. White separates wings + body. White undertail coverts. Light brown/tan breast + sides. Dark brown stripes on flank. Pink legs + feet.**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Optical Equipment Used: Swarovski 80 w/20-80 zoom, Olympus Camedia Z100

Supporting Evidence (if any): _____

Photograph: J Video: _____ Audio Tape: _____ Drawing: _____

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Please use the back of this form or additional sheets of paper if more space is required.

This form was adapted from the PA Ornithological Records Committee Form. It is encouraged that a completed copy of this form be submitted to the PA Ornithological Records Committee. c/o Nick Pulcinella, PORC Secretary, 613 Howard Road, West Chester, PA 19380

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:

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary
 Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
 613 Howard Ave.
 West Chester, PA 19380
 nickpulcinella@comcast.net

SPECIES (common and scientific name) Pink-footed Goose / Anser brachyrhynchos
 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): adult

DATE OF OBSERVATION 4-29-04 TIME 4:30 pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Lancaster, East Lampeter Twp.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) unmanned pond in Greenfield Estates development at corner of William Penn Way and Greenfield Rd

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Jeff Karnicky
 Address 1915 William Penn Way
 City Lancaster State PA ZIP 17601
 e-mail (optional) jeff.karnicky@millersville.edu phone (optional) 717-239-1583

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): none

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) man-made pond, grassy field

DISTANCE TO BIRD varying from ~25 ft to 100 ft

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) mostly sunny, towards end of afternoon

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Brunton Eterna binoculars / Eagle Optics spotting scope

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):

I first saw the bird in a large flock of Canada geese, and immediately noticed its bright pink legs. The goose was slightly smaller than the ~25 Canada geese it was with; its head was dark brown, its chest was light brown. The bill seemed slightly smaller than the Canadas, and was distinctly pink and black.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The Pf Goose behaved much like the Canada geese, walking among the flock, and then swimming on the pond among the flock.

VOCALIZATIONS none

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph ☒ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name Jeff Kernick

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____

phone (optional) _____

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) noted differences from Canada Geese in "Description"

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

I have attached my original posting to Pt Birds list serv. I uploaded the photos to the web page, naming the birds as a Pf Goose. I've also attached Deane Hoffman's post, noting his sighting of the bird on 3.1.04. Deane's sighting was the last, despite numerous observers over the next few days.

Numerous people have suggested that this goose may be the same one reported (and well documented) in Chester County in Jan, 2004 (~30 miles east of Lancaster).
(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES none w/ Pf Goose - much experience with Canada Geese and other ducks and geese that appear on this pond, which is right behind my townhouse. In fall and winter, I visit the pond daily.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes - photos Deane Hoffman's correlation

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation none

After observation birds of britain.co.uk and rspb.org.uk

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 7.13.04

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Jeff Kernick

Sorry this report took so long to submit; I just never got around to writing it, and I just got a photo printer!
I also have other photos that I could email or print and mail

Bob Schutsky [SMTP:birdtrek@epix.net]

To:

Jeff Karnicky

Cc:

Subject:

Re: [PABIRDS] possible pink-footed goose, lancaster

Sent:

2/29/04 5:16 PM

Importance:

Normal

Jeff Karnicky wrote:

> I just took some photos, at around 4:30 Sunday, of this goose that's in a
> flock of canada geese. I saw it briefly on land and it had pink feet.
> I've never seen a pink-footed before, so I'm not sure. Pictures are linked here.
> <http://homepage.mac.com/karnicky/PhotoAlbum6.html>
> Jeff Karnicky
> Greenfield estates pond, Lancaster

Jeff:

It looks perfect! Congratulations! You may want to give people some directions as to where you found it. I'm flying to Costa Rica in the morning, or else I'd be at Greenfield first thing!

BOB SCHUTSKY

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To:

PABIRDS@LIST.AUDUBON.ORG

Cc:

Subject:

Pink-footed Goose: Greenfield, Lancaster County 3-1-04

Sent:

3/1/04 9:14 AM

Importance:

Normal

Howdy All,

After driving right pass the Greenfield complex yesterday afternoon on the way home from Delaware I was a bit dismayed to learn about the pf goose sighting in Lancaster upon my arrival home.

Even though I stayed up late to watch the Lord of the Rings Awards I roused myself at 0530 to make the trip down to the Greenfield pond. I arrived at 0620 and within 5 minutes had the bird. The pond is fairly small so scanning it with binoculars is fairly easy. I watched the bird for a few minutes then checked out the other waterfowl present. At 0640 approximately 33% of the geese took off for breakfast with the pf goose being one of them.

I made a food pit stop at Mickey D's and returned to the pond just after 0700. Jeff Karnicky was there looking for the bird and I told him of my experience. I was most appreciative of Jeff's quick posting and quick thinking to check the internet for reference concerning this bird.

By the way, for those of you coming from the west, on US RT 30 east, the turn-off for the Greenfield complex is the THIRD traffic light, the first is a signal for the Rt 30 interchange, the second is for Hempstead Road and the third is for William Penn Way.

Take care and Good birding,

Raven

a.k.a. Deuane Hoffman

Harrisburg, PA, Dauphin County

corvuscorax@comcast.net

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round ~~Two~~ ONE

Species: Pink-footed Goose (Anser brachyrhynchus)

Date of Sighting: 9 January 2004 to 17 January 2004

Location: CHAMBER'S LAKE

County : CHESTER

Observer(s): Multiple Observers

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Janet Crawford, Nikolas Haas, et al.

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							
D. Heathcote <i>Overholt</i>	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/10

Signature (Secretary)

Date:

6/24/04