

Submission Date	2013-03-14 17:23:26
Observer's Name	August Mirabella
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1443 Wheaton Lane City: North Wales State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19454 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	No one when I found it.
Species (Common Name)	Pink-footed Goose
Species (Scientific Name)	Anser brachyrhynchus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	12-20-2012 11:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S12340122
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Britain Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.338459, -75.1791992 eBird Hotspot site
Habitat	365 acre lake
Distance to bird	Various-50 yds min.
Viewing conditions	Cloudy but good
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 7x42 & Leica APO Trinovid 77
Description	Although my eBird entry says I birded to about noon, I actually watched the bird on and off until late afternoon showing others who happened by. The afternoon was focused on this bird only and just enjoying the rest of the day, not listing more species for eBird. This report is a

supplement to the report I submitted for the November stay of what I believe is the same bird, and thus that description then applies here as well. This documentation is mainly to establish the second period of stay, which lasted until 12/23 as reported by others (Tom Johnson et al). He probably has already submitted documentation as well. The belief that it is the same as the November bird is based on the bill pattern shown in the pictures taken both times. The pictures also compare to the bird of November/December 2011, which I also believe was the same bird. This can also be seen at the following website that was created by Mary Ellen Curtin to compare birds found at all the sites in PA and NJ.

<http://goodbookoftheday.com/birding/PFGOs2.html#epsilon>
The pink on the Peace Valley bird extends long to the base of the bill. This is different than the bird found in lower Bucks January 2013 documented by others and also shown on this website. The pink on that bird goes only about half way toward the base of the bill.

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

Swimming and doing lots of preening and bathing including flipping over many times showing the pink legs.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

See November documentation

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

With lots of wild Canada Geese. Feisty as it chased nearby Canada Geese that got close.

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

Yes, see photo.

During

NONE

After

MY PHOTO

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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Submission Date	2012-11-27 10:35:41
Observer's Name	August Mirabella
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Phone	267-218-1997
Observer's Address	Street Address: 1443 Wheaton Lane City: North Wales State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19454 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Many came to see it after I reported it.
Species (Common Name)	Pink-footed Goose
Species (Scientific Name)	Anser brachyrhynchus
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Presumed Adult
Observation Date and Time	11-17-2012 4:00 PM
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Britain Twp. (mailing address Doylestown 18901)
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.338459, -75.1791992 eBird Hotspot site
Habitat	365 acre lake in 1500 acre park
Distance to bird	100 ft. and up
Viewing conditions	Setting sun at my back
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 7x42 & Leica APO Trinovid 77
Description	Black base and tip to bill, with bright pink mid-section and sides. Legs were bubblegum pink. In the setting golden cast of the sun, the bird mostly gave a varying shades of brown color for the body, but primaries and secondaries gave grayish cast in some angles of view. The head and neck were darker than rest of body with lower neck fading to lighter breast. Flanks were brown

with light feather edges and narrow white upper edge. The upper body and wing feathers were also light fringed. The ventral area was white. No uncovered tail views were seen. Voice could easily be heard over the roar of the other geese. It was higher pitched and two notes. A poor description is a drawn out hiccup. Unfortunately, I didn't think to record it.

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

Swimming, feeding on shore briefly, and almost continuously calling while swimming.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Bean Goose (most similar), Greylag Goose, and both White-fronted Geese could be similar. However, size, structure, bill size and color pattern, feather color, and leg color are generally different. The leg and bill color being pale pink, yellow or black on these similar geese. The photos support the ID.

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

Goose numbers had increased significantly from previous visit. It was presumed large number of stopover migrants were present. They were wary and left shore as walkers approached at some distance. The bird had no leg bands or other signs of captive status. It is presumed this was same bird that stopped at Peace Valley/Pine Run 11/21/11-12/1/11. So, the three known days present this year may indicate the same migrant flock stopping over on their way to a wintering site.

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

Yes, this is at least the fifth time I have seen the species in SE PA and have become familiar with it. The details and photos support the ID.

During

None

After

Sibley Guide & Waterfowl-Madge & Burn

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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