

<b>Submission Date</b>	2013-01-08 15:13:18
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Dr. Daniel Klem, Jr and Scott Burnet
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Pink-footed Goose
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Anser brachyrhynchus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult, sex unknown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	01-07-2013 1:30 PM
<b>County</b>	Lehigh
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Allentown
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Lake Muhlenberg
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40°35'38.70"N, 75°30'29.67"W
<b>Habitat</b>	City park
<b>Distance to bird</b>	feet (91 meters) using 30-70 x Swarovski spotting scope and second visit, 50 feet (15 meters).
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Bird viewed into mid-day sun to the southwest, but on shore and in shade of tree trucks and branches, making viewing of bill and leg colors fine. Better light during second visit with sun behind me and much closer to bird, though swimming.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	30-70 x Swarovski spotting scope. 8 x 32 Leica Binoculars
<b>Description</b>	It was obviously smaller (one third to half smaller)

and richer brown than the surrounding geese, with a pale horizontal stripe along side. Compared to the Canada Geese, the bird presented a shorter body, shorter neck, more rounded, all dark brown head, with a small, shorter bill, that was mottled with pink. Legs pinkish. The bird was grayish/brown on back, more brown on front and sides, with the feather margins on the back showing whitish edges, and vent area white.

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

Feeding along shore with 25 Canada Geese.

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

Yes, easy ID and great viewing conditions. I have seen this bird in Europe and also on three different occasions when it was documented in Berks County, at Oley, as well as the previous sighting at this location in December 2009.

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<b>Submission Date</b>	2013-01-13 16:45:33
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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Pink-footed Goose
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Anser brachyrhynchus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	01-7-2013 3:00 PM
<b>County</b>	Lehigh
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Allentown
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Lake Muhlenberg
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.594199,-75.508432
<b>Habitat</b>	water
<b>Distance to bird</b>	30 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear, afternoon sunlight
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica 7x42 binoculars
<b>Description</b>	Continuing rarity; others have submitted documentation, but I wanted to include some photos.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	-
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	-

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

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

Yes. This is a distinctive, easy-to-identify bird.

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

Photograph

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