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GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SIGHTING
by Dave DeReamus

On December 30th, ¹⁹⁹⁰ at around 9:00 a.m., Babe Webster and I checked out Green Pond near Bethlehem, after hearing reports that a Greater White-fronted Goose was seen there by Paul Finken on the Bethlehem Christmas Count the day before. We were sifting through about 400 Canada Geese when Babe said that she "had" the bird. She directed me onto it and the following is what we both saw:

The bird was about 75 feet away. This was good because there was heavy fog in the area. The smaller size (about three-quarters the size of the accompanying Canadas) was very evident. The dark brown back contained several crossing light-colored lines. The grayish-brown head had a white patch surrounding the area of the base of its bill. The bill itself was a bright orange color. It was also much stubbier than the Canadas'. We watched it for about three minutes until it intermingled and eventually dissappeared among the Canada Geese.

Both of us have seen Greater White-fronteds before at various places and are familiar with the species without having to refer to any bird guides.

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Species: **Greater White-fronted Goo**

Date of Sighting: **30 December 1990**

Observer(s): **Dave DeReamus, Babe Webster**

Date of Submission: **1991**

Submitted by: **Dave DeReamus**

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