





PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Greater White-fronted Goose / Anser albifrons
Subspecies, if known Not known.

But bills are quite orange: wonder abt. Greenland Subspecies

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 2 SEX(ES) Presumed only, M + F.

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):

These appear to be adults in breeding plumage.

DATE OF OBSERVATION March 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. TIME 1st encounter c. 10:45 AM.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Potter Township, Centre County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Colyer Lake / nearest town is PA Delaware p. 62 Turleyville.

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details)

open, marshy edge of frozen lake

DISTANCE TO BIRD 100 feet

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you)

sky overcast - Geese were between me and sun.
wind - at least 10-15 mph, but, no precip.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Swarovski binocs / EL 8.5 X 42

Swarovski spotting scope ZOOM-20X 60 power HD

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): _____

The 2 G. W. Fronted geese are (I appear to be) just slightly smaller in size than the Canada geese around them. The Bill appears soft orange in color – and there is a white ring around the base of the bill. The legs are orange – There is a white stripe along the bird's side – There is heavy black mottling on the birds' pale breast.

For G. W. F. Geese, Bill size is larger in relation to birds' head – than bill size in relation to birds' head, in the case of Canada geese.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

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

First saw these 2 G. W. F. geese swimming with a flock of 75 or so Canada Geese. Birds were resting, swimming, etc. Next day, the two climbed out of the water and stood on ice. The two appear to be a pair – they stay within a couple of yards of each other at all times.

VOCALIZATIONS Not heard.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

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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 _____

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Greater White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons)

Date of Sighting: 12 March 2004 to 19 March 2004

Location: COLYER LAKE

County : CENTRE

Observer(s): Molly Heath

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Molly Heath

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

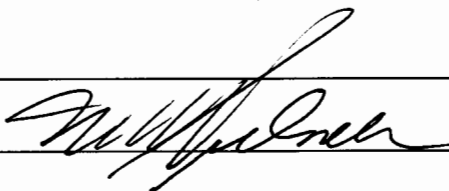
Specimen: No

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	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

4/29/05