

## RARE SPECIES REPORT

112-02-1997

SPECIES: <u>Ross' Goose</u> <u>Chen Rossii</u>		NUMBER SEEN: <u>2</u>
SIGHTING DATE: <u>1 March 1997</u>		SIGHTING TIME: <u>12:30 and 1:30 pm</u>
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: <u>Lebanon, Pa</u> DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: <u>Middlecreek W.M.A.</u> DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE: <u>Bird #1 seen near beginning of tour route in Leb. Co. Bird #2 seen near stop #3 in Leb. Co.</u>	
HABITAT: <u>Both birds were in corn stuble.</u>		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS: <u>45° F</u>	LIGHTING: <u>cloudy</u> DISTANCE: <u>Bird #1 30-40 yards / Bird #2 70-100 yards</u> EQUIP. USED: <u>15x45 Bushnell Spacemaster</u> LENGTH OF SIGHTING: <u>Bird #1 and #2 apx 20 min.</u>	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: <u>not heard</u> SIZE: <u>small, apx. mallard size</u> PLUMAGE: <u>white except for the black primaries</u>  <u>Bill length - apx 2", Legs were short</u> ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): <u>Small bill, pinkish/orange, with a blue base seen on both birds. Legs were also pinkish/orange. Eyes appeared dark. Feet webbed. No grin patch on bill.</u> BEHAVIOR: <u>Bird #1 was feeding w/ apx. 150 Snow Geese and Bird #2 was with apx. 10,000 Snow Geese. Both were feeding in corn stuble.</u>	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>I have seen Ross' Geese yearly since 1991.</u>		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>The large Snow Goose is twice the height and the larger bill sports a black "grin" patch.</u>		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <u>no</u> IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): <u>This should be Leb. Co. 1st records of Ross' Goose. I made 6 sightings in Leb. Co. and apx. 6 sightings in Lancaster Co. this year.</u>		
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# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Ross' Goose (Chen rossii)

Date of Sighting: 1 March 1997 to 1 March 1997

Location: MIDDLE CREEK WMA

County: LEBANON

Observer(s): Randy Miller

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Randy Miller

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
K. Parkes			X					
R. Ickes			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
T. Floyd			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. Haas*

Date:

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