

Unusual Bird Report Form for Christmas Bird Counts

CBC Name (not bird club name): Lititz, PA CBC Date: 12-27-98

Species (include number, age, sex etc. as appropriate): Ross' Goose (2)

Observer: BRUCE A. CARL

Other observers who saw bird:

Patrick McElhenry, et AL
Jonathan Heller, Larry Cole
Chris Pederson, Harold Martin

Description (Describe size, color and pattern above and below, head, bill, tail, wings etc. as needed. Use this space for a drawing if helpful. Include photos if available.):

(2) ADULT ROSS' GEESSE WITH THOUSANDS OF SNOW GEESSE. SEEN standing on the ICE with the snow Geese. BRIEF flight glimpses. (NOT confirming Both Birds were seen together near the right edge of the flock and were gradually moving from right to left in the flock. First noticed the smaller size of the Birds comparing them to the Snow Geese that were around them. About $\frac{2}{3}$ the size of a Snow Goose. They were seen at a distance of about 300+ yards. While viewing the birds the observation of their shorter-stoicker necks and smaller rounded heads were very evident. Bill shape was smaller and stubier than those of the snow Geese. (bills) Seemed to have a pinkish color to them. Also visible were the Black outer Feathers of the Primaries that shown while the birds WERE walking around.

seen AT MIDDLE CREEK WMA

Sounds made, if any:

Conditions of observation (Time of day, weather, duration of observation, distance to bird, optics used, etc.):

Early Afternoon, Mostly Cloudy, Temps low 30's

8-20X50 Solitare Binoculars and 15-60 power Discoveter Spotting Scope

Behavior and Habitat (What was the bird doing while you watched it? What habitat was it in?):

Similar Species (What similar species might be in your area in winter? How did you eliminate them from consideration?):

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*)

Date of Sighting: 27 December 1998 to 27 December 1998

Location: MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Bruce Carl

Date of Submission: 1998

Submitted by: Bruce Carl

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald		X						
TOTALS		1	3					1
DECISION			X					

Comments: *6/0/1*

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

8/24/00