

Bucks.

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

114-02-1993

Observer writing this account and date AUGUST MIRABELLA 1443 WHEATON LN. N. WALES PA 19454

SPECIES Brant NUMBER, AGE, SEX One - adult

Distance from bird(s) 150' & up Relative size of bird Smaller than Canada Goose

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)
All black

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) Black

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES Dark

LEGS & FEET Dark

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) Black nape; back dark brown

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) Black throat & breast,
White neck marks side of neck below head. Pale belly, sides & flanks.

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)
Tail black, upper & under tail coverts white

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) Brown

VOCALIZATION Not heard

BEHAVIOR standing on ice with Canada Goose, swimming, & flying with one Canada Goose.

Date of observation 12/31/93 3/26/94 Time 6:30 am Weather calm - mid 30s Sky cover clear

Duration of observation 1 minute each Bird - Sun orientation side lighted

Exact location Peace Valley Park, New Britain Twp. Bucks Co. Pa.

Habitat Lake - 75% frozen Other observers Seen by others same dates & other dates.

Optical equipment Zeiss 7x42B Swift 15-60X Zoom

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS One Brant has appeared with migrating & wintering flocks of Canada Goose for
last 2 or more years at Peace Valley

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE AN EXCELLENT FURTHER DOCUMENTATION

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Brant (Branta bernicla)**

Date of Sighting: **31 December 1993 to 26 March 1994**

Location: **PEACE VALLEY COUNTY PARK**

County: **BUCKS**

Observer(s): **August Mirabella**

Date of Submission: **1993**

Submitted by: **August Mirabella**

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					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater				X				
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
J. Skinner			X					
TOTALS			6	1				
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

9-25-94