

October 8, 1997

Jason Horn
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Dear Jason,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Barnacle Goose you saw at Green Lane Reservoir on 26 November 1996 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The identification of the Barnacle Goose is not in question, but the "wild origin" of the bird is suspect. Barnacle Geese are popular in many waterfowl collections and escapes are inevitable. The possibility of an escaped individual joining a wild migrant flock is not out of the question. Some committee members however, feel that some of the Barnacle Goose reports are probably of true wild birds that have strayed to North America. Thus, there is the dilemma, how can a particular Barnacle Goose be proven one way or the other to be a wild bird. P.O.R.C. feels it is better to err on the side of caution and not accept a record of a Barnacle Goose unless it can be proven without a doubt, preferably by means of a leg band or neck collar, that the bird is of "wild origin"

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 115-03-1996



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*)

Date of Sighting: 26 November 1996 to 26 November 1996

Location: GREEN LANE RESERVOIR

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): Jason Horn

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Jason Horn

Written Description: NO

Photo: YES

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							
S. Feldstein					X			
TOTALS	3				4			
DECISION					X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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