PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
210 Welcome Ave. Norwood, PA 19074

8 February 2001

Rick Wiltraut
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Nazareth, PA 18064

Dear Rick,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Barnacle Goose that you photographed at Hereford on 14 February 1998. There is no question that the bird was a Barnacle Goose, and at present we are accepting this species only in our Class V: "The record is correct, but the bird represents an escapee or an introduced species not established in Pennsylvania." The committee's agenda this year includes a re-evaluation of this species' status to address the possibility that at least some of these birds are indeed wild migrants from the far north.

The committee apologizes for the unacceptably long delay before all members were able to vote on the record. Circumstances beyond our control caused the problem, and we believe that we are back on a timely track.

Sincerely,

For the Committee:
Paul Hess, Chairman

P.S. Beginning this year observers will receive postcards acknowledging that the committee has received their documentation. In addition, whereas observers formerly were notified only when reports were not accepted (in disappointing or irritating letters like this one), they will now receive cards announcing that their records *have* been accepted.

Record #115-01-1998

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Barnacle Goose (Branta leucopis)

Date of Sighting: 14 February 1998 to 14 February 1998
Location: HEREFORD
County: BERKS
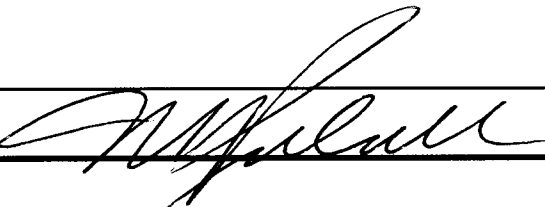Observer(s): Rick Wiltraut

Date of Submission: 1998
Submitted by: Rick Wiltraut

Written Description No   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
D. Couchman							X	
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess							X	
R. Ickes							X	
J. McWilliams							X	
B. Reid	X							
P. Rodewald					X			
TOTALS	1				1		4	1
DECISION							X	

Comments: 1/ 5 / 1

Signature (Secretary): _____   Date: 8/24/w