









115-02-2005

UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

Species (common & scientific): Barnacle Goose

Number of Individuals: 1 **Sex(es):** ?

Age(s) & Plumage(s): ?

Date Seen: 3/4/2005 **Time: Approx.** Morning

Where Seen (Town/County): New Britain Twp., Bucks Co.

Exact Location (Park, Road, Lake): Peace Valley Park

Observer Reporting:

Name: August Mirabella

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Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you):

Distance to Bird: 150 yds.

Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): ??

Optical Equipment Used: 7X42 Zeiss Bins & Leica 77APO w/20-60X Zoom

Habitat: 365 acre lake

Description: I am sending this per Matt Sharp's previous comments to me to keep documenting this species. The picture should be enough to document this bird. I really just want to harass PORC into including this on the state list.

Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): Swimming

Vocalizations: None

Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report):

Photo is being submitted taken by Howard Eskin, 670 Whittaker Way, Harleysville, PA 19438

Separation from Similar Species (How you eliminated others): See picture

Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it): This bird, as many we have had at Peace Valley over many years, was with the thousands of Canada Geese that stop off during the winter or in migration. This bird appeared 2/28 and was last seen 3/7. Probably the same bird was at Nockamixon State Park 3/12. On the down side, to my knowledge no one ever saw it out of water, so no leg bands could be observed. Although it cannot be ruled out that an escapee would wander with the wild geese, another bird with an aviculturist's band is in Buckingham Twp. and has not moved on with the wild geese. It is alone with Mallards and quite tame.

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species: Have seen many times.

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not): Yes. No hint of mixed heritage.

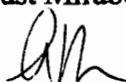
References:

During Observation: None

After Observation: Sibley's; photo

Date of report: 6/29/2005

Signature of Observer: August Mirabella



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*)

Date of Sighting: 28 February 2005 to 4 March 2005

Location: PEACE VALLEY PARK

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): August Mirabella et al.

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: August Mirabella, Howard Eskin

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

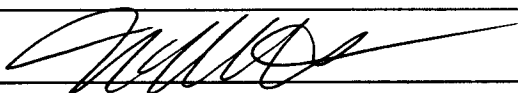
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente			✓				X	
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley								
E. Witmer							X	
J. Heller							X	
M. Sharp							X	
TOTALS	1						4	
DECISION							X	

Comments: 1/4

Signature (Secretary)



Date: 7/24/06