

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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 Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Barnacle Goose
 Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): Adult

DATE OF OBSERVATION 3/14/08 TIME 6:30 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Walker Lake, Snyder county

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) @ main parking lot @ ramp

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Chad Kauffman
 Address HCR 63 Box 65
 City Misslintown State PA ZIP 17059
 e-mail (optional) ChadKauffman@earthlink.net phone (optional) 717 436 8257

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

Aden Troyer - 717-463-3117

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) lake

DISTANCE TO BIRD 20 yards @ closest.

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Cloudy & overcast
getting to be dusk

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Zeiss 10x42-me Aden - Swarovski

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

~~Parting event report from PA birds~~
 We were scanning ducks & heard loud honking but weren't sure where it was coming from. I assumed Canada but later realized it did sound different. As it was coming to us, Aden said to get on this bird. We both saw it in the bins as it crossed in front of us. White face & light belly. Aden noticed the streaking on the back. We both looked at each other & wondered what we saw. We considered Greater white-fronted but knew that was wrong. I then said Barnacle & we both agreed. It kept flying & honking up the valley. We tried to relocate but didn't see it in other flocks of Canada's.
 (Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) honking & flying solo.

VOCALIZATIONS

loud honking

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY: NA

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

wasn't Canada or Greater white fronted.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

as per urging of this submission by Greg Grove & the recent decision of surrounding states of this increasing of #'s & accepting sightings. It may be time for PORC to add this to the state. It was the right time of the year & we got large #'s of geese in this state.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

Saw 1 down @ messiah 2 years ago in the Dept.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not)

YES. we don't know what else it could have been. It was a Barnacle but will you accept it.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation

After observation

Nat Geo & Sibley - small
Peterson & Sibley - large

DATE OF THIS REPORT:

3-18-08

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER

Chad A. Murphy

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*

Date of Sighting: 14 March 2008 to 14 March 2008

County : SNYDER

Location : WALKER LAKE

Observer(s): Chad Kauffman, Aden Troyer

Date of Submission: 2008

Submitted by: Chad Kauffman

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

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Comments:

Signature (Secretary)

Date: