

Submission Date	2013-01-13 16:35:07
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 24 Meadowood Drive City: Hummelstown State / Province: Pennsylvania Postal / Zip Code: 17036 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Thomas Johnson
Species (Common Name)	Barnacle Goose
Species (Scientific Name)	Branta leucopsis
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Observation Date and Time	01-10-2013 2:30 PM
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Britain Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.328573,-75.190843
Habitat	water
Distance to bird	as close as 75 meters
Viewing conditions	clear day
Optical equipment used	Leica 7x42 binoculars, Swarovski 20-60x scope
Description	Small, stubby-billed goose. Black chest and neck sock. White face. Black eye and bill connected by a black loreal stripe. Black tail. Pale whitish gray flanks. Upperparts neatly marked with gray ground color; each upperwing covert had a broad black subterminal band and a thin, whitish tip. The tertials were largely silvery-gray with darker tips.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Swimming with a large flock of Canada Geese

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

There are no similar species.

Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

I didn't see the legs to check for bands, but this bird showed up on the same day as the appearance of 2 Barnacle Geese in NJ. Both Barnacle and Pink-footed Geese have increased, and it is clear that most Barnacle Geese in eastern North America during the winter months are of wild origins.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes. This is a highly distinctive, easy-to-identify bird.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

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Video

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