

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2018-12-17 12:13:00
<b>Observer's Name</b>	August Mirabella
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	1443 Wheaton Lane North Wales PA 19454 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	I was alone on 11/30, and morning and afternoon 12/4 but others arrived later on 12/4 -
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Barnacle Goose
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Branta leucopsis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	12-04-2018 12:30 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S50435084">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S50435084</a>
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	New Britain Twp.
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Peace Valley County Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.323100, -75.199774
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake and grass area adjacent
<b>Distance to bird</b>	40 ft
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear sunny. Good lighting
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Zeiss 7X42, Leica APO 77
<b>Description</b>	Found 11/30 by Mike Fournier and another birder with him. Seen 12/1 by a few. Last seen 12/4 in afternoon. Smaller than Canada Goose, black breast, neck, nape, extending over cap, but forehead white. Black small bill. Clean break between black breast and pale flanks with faint barring. White under-tail. Back and wings black light gray, and white. See photo.

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

Eating on lawn, sitting on edge of lake preening or resting.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Not really similar to any other goose except may adult dark form Ross's Goose, which has more extensive white on face, bill is pink, black extends back from breast on upper flanks, back is blacker, etc.

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

No leg bands and arrived with large influx of thousands of geese including several Cackling Goose.

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

Yes-photo definitive

**During**

None

**After**

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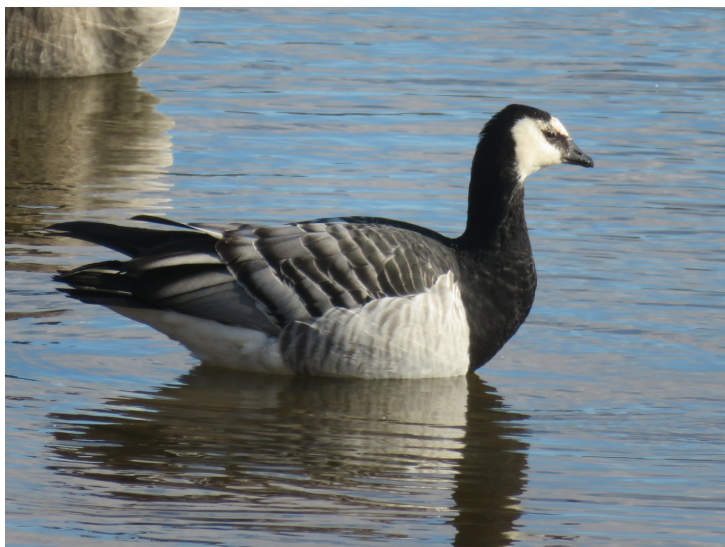
**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**



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