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EURASIAN WIGEON IN ERIE COUNTY, PA. — Ed Kwater

On Sunday March 29th Joyce Hoffman and I were driving round the North side of Misery Bay on Presque Isle State Park. We stopped to scan the bay and I picked out a ♂ Eurasian Wigeon (Anas penelope) with a pair of American Wigeon (A. americana) and some Gadwall (A. strepera). I judged the bird to be in alternate 1 plumage as no white was showing at all on the upperwing coverts. In most other respects it was very similar to an adult (alternate definitive) plumaged male. The head was chestnut orange with a conspicuous yellow blaze extending from the base of the bill up the forehead to the crown. The breast was a brownish pink, similar in color to that of a ♂ American Wigeon. The body (mantle and flanks) appeared uniform gray, slightly paler than a ♂ Redhead (Aythya in shade). The undertail coverts were jet black and there was a conspicuous white patch in front of this area on the hind flank.

The bird was observed for a total of 20 minutes at a range of 150 yards through x10 binocular and x25 spotting scope in excellent light. The sky was clear at the time and the wind speed very low (<5 m.p.h.) so the surface of Misery Bay was calm allowing for optimum viewing conditions. I have extensive experience with this species in Britains (10,000's) and have also seen 3 other individuals (all males) in the USA.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Eurasian Wigeon**Date of Sighting: **29 March 1992 to 29 March 1992**Observer(s): **Ed Kwater, Jerry McWilliams, Joyce Hoffman**Date of Submission: **1992**Submitted by: **Ed Kwater, Jerry McWilliams, Joyce Hoffman**

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E. Kwater	X						
B. Haas	X						
F. Haas	X						
R. Ickes	X						
G. McWilliams	X						
S. Santner	X						
J. Skinner	X						
TOTALS	7						
DECISION	X						

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