



Eurasian Wigeon

3/15/2003

Yellow Creek SP, Indiana Co

Ross Gatlardy

# PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Eurasian Wigeon (Anas penelope)  
 Subspecies (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) Male

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 Male in Breeding Plumage.

DATE OF OBSERVATION March 15, 2003 TIME 3:30-4:30 pm.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Brush Valley Township Indiana County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Yellow Creek State Park

## OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Ross Gallardy  
 Address 336 Kim Lane  
 City Windber State PA ZIP 15963  
 e-mail (optional) Ross.Ross7@aol.com phone (optional) (814) 266-5967

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

Peter Gallardy

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Most of the lake was frozen. All the ducks were back in the one cove.

DISTANCE TO BIRD 40-60 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) It was a nice sunny day. Light was good

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Celestron Noble PL 10x50 Binoculars & Orion DX 66 mm. spotting scope

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): The Eurasian Wigeon was in with a group of about 15 American Wigeon. It seemed to be the same size as the Americans. The Eurasian had a small gray bill and a relatively round head. The head was Rufous in color and it had a greeny/buffy colored forehead. The breast was rufous/pinkish in color and the back and sides were gray. The undertail coverts were black.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

**BEHAVIOR** (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The whole time I saw the bird it was feeding and swimming around. Out of the hour I was at the lake I saw it for about 15 minutes. Most of this time it was back in some brushy/marshy areas with other ducks. It was feeding by picking stuff off the surface. I did not see it dive at all.

**VOCALIZATIONS**

I didn't hear it call.

**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:**

Photograph ☒ Video recording ☐ Audio recording ☐ Drawing ☐

**Photographer/recorder/illustrator:**

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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) I eliminated the Eurasian Wigeon from diving ducks by body and bill shape. I could also eliminate most dabbling duck by shape too. I could rule out American Wigeon because the bird I saw had a gray back and sides, a rufous head, and a creamy/buffy forehead. I could tell that it wasn't a hybrid because there was no green in the head and no brown on the back or sides.

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

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES**

I had no experience with the Eurasian wigeon before I saw it. I have had a lot of experience with American Wigeons and it definitely wasn't an American.

**ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION?** (why or why not) I am very positive on my ID. Since it was a male it was very distinctive and easy to ID.

**REFERENCES CONSULTED:**

During observation The Sibley Guide to birds

After observation The Sibley Guide to birds

**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** 12/7/03

**SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER**

Ross Gallardy

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Eurasian Wigeon (Anas penelope)

Date of Sighting: 15 March 2003 to 15 March 2003

Location: INDIANA

County : YELLOW CREEK STATE PARK

Observer(s): Ross Gallardy

Date of Submission: 2003

Submitted by: Ross Gallardy

Written Description: Yes

Photo: ~~No~~ <sup>YES</sup>

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
<del>G. Armistead</del> R.W. HART	X							
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)

Date:

4/29/05