

# 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 in breeding plumage

DATE OF OBSERVATION 3/20/04 TIME approx. 12:30 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Somerset Twp

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Lake Somerset

## OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Dick Byers, Wayne Gillespie, Charles Kuchta, Glenn Smeltzer

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

DISTANCE TO BIRD approx. 100 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) alternating overcast and sunny

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED 10x42 binoculars (B&L), Kowa 833 spotting scope, 20-60x zoom

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): Eurasian Wigeon was with 18 American Wigeons, similar in size. Head and upper neck was brick red, forehead stripe dingy yellow (cream) in color. Breast was light pinkish, sides and back light gray. Bill was short and blue-gray in color.

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) swimming on lake

VOCALIZATIONS None

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

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 of specimen if known \_\_\_\_\_

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

Eurasian was swimming with American Wigeons, providing good contrast in coloration with American. Sun was behind us, on the birds, providing good lighting

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 Previous sightings of this species in Willcox, AZ on golf course, in a pond at Cape May NJ lighthouse, and in a pond at Bodie Island Lighthouse, Outer Banks NC

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes, all the key field marks were present, lighting was intermittently good, with American wigeon for contrast

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation

Peterson's Eastern Birds, NGS Birds of North America

After observation

Sibley Guide to Birds

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 3/22/04

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Lawrence E. Hess Linda F. Hess

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Eurasian Wigeon (Anas penelope)

Date of Sighting: 20 March 2004 to 20 March 2004

Location: LAKE SOMERSET

County : SOMERSET

Observer(s): Len Hess et al.

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Len Hess

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

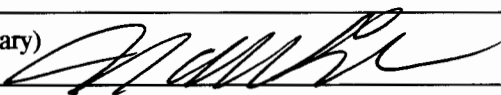
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			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