

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Eurasian Wigeon (Anas penelope)
 Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ONE 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 (Breeding plumage)

DATE OF OBSERVATION March 13 2005 TIME 3:30 pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Wayne Township Clinton Co, PA

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Observed from T425. Bird was in water along south side of island in West Branch of Susquehanna R. west of the McElhattan Bridge.

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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

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

DISTANCE TO BIRD ~ 90 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Mostly cloudy; no rain, snow, haze, fog. Light was perfect; sun was behind us.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Leica 10x42; Zeiss 10x40; Leica 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):

We were driving along the river to look for waterfowl and saw a flock of ducks by an island in the river. We stopped and when I looked through my binoculars I could see a duck with a red head. We got out of the car and walked to a spot where we could get an unobstructed view. We first saw Am. wigeon and N. pintails. Then we saw the E. wigeon. We knew immediately what it was as the bird was sitting head on to us in among the Am. wigeon and it stood out like a sore thumb. We were able to see the rufous head and neck and the cream forehead and cap. We then put the scope on it and saw it head on in the scope. The bird turned so that we were able to see the gray back and sides, and the white wing patch. In the scope we could see the bill open and we could hear the whistle. We did check National Geographic Guide to Birds while looking at the bird in the scope to make sure we had all of the field marks. Because it was a male in full breeding plumage, we really have no doubts at all of the identification.

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Duck was just floating
around in the water near the vegetation of the island.

VOCALIZATIONS The duck was vocalizing. Since it is very quiet
along that area of the river we were able to hear the
whistle and we could see it open its beak in the
scope at the same time.

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) _____

There really was no
question. The duck was an adult male in breeding plu-
mage so all field marks (rufous head and neck with
cream forehead and cap, gray back and sides and white
wing patches) were very clearly observed.

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 _____

First experience with
E. wigeon. Many observations of Am. wigeon

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) _____

Absolutely certain.
Our look at the bird was great and long enough to
see all field marks.

REFERENCES CONSULTED: _____

During observation _____

After observation _____

National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of N.A.
The Sibley Guide to Birds to check on call.

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 3/16/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER _____

Carol S. Hildebrand

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Eurasian Wigeon (Anas Penelope)

Date of Sighting: 13 March 2005 to 13 March 2005

Location: WAYNE TOWNSHIP

County : CLINTON

Observer(s): Carol Hildebrand, Charles Hildebran

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: Carol Hildebrand

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

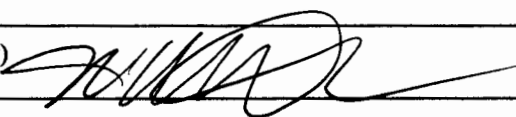
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente			X					
P. Guris		X						
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
J. Heller			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS		1	5					
DECISION			X					

Comments: G/O

Signature (Secretary)



Date: 7/28/06