







POK

1/11/95

Dear Barry,

Here are a few sightings for Chester County for the fourth quarter of 1994.

11/11/94 MARSH CREEK STATE PARK.

1 ♀ BLACK SCOTER

7 BUFFLEHEAD

106 AMERICAN COOT

1 WINTER WREN

11/22/94 MARSH CREEK STATE PARK

4 PIED-BILLED GREBE

2 BUFFLEHEAD

1 ♀ COMMON GOLDENEYE

4 RUDDY DUCK

90+ AMERICAN COOT

7 WILDEER

11/27/94 1 ♂ CINNAMON TEAL OCTOPARA RES.
IN BOTH LANCASTER COUNTY AND CHESTER Co.

(over →)

11/27/94 OCTOPUS RESERVOIR, PA ♂ CINNAMON TEAL

When we could not find the previously reported Cinnamon Teal at the Pine Grove Road site on Octopus Reservoir, I searched and found it on Mt. Eden Road. I was also able to show it to SKIP CONANT, ROB MAGRAW, NAOMI AND BILL MURPHY, AND DORRIS MCGOVERN.

While we watched the bird feeding with one ♀ Green-winged Teal and many Mallards and American Black Ducks, it was probably on the county line. On the line is "in" for tennis and baseball, but for birding "in" for which county.

Not to worry! We were all watching when all the ducks were spooked and took off. The Cinnamon Teal, closely followed by the ♀ Green-winged Teal flew wondrously over Chester County air-space. Is that "in" the county? Not to worry. They landed somewhere back behind the central mud island, clearly in Chester County.

I do not believe this is the first record for Cinnamon Teal in Chester County. There was a report of one on a pond in the private Terichian(?) estate in West Chester about 15 years ago, but I think only one person saw it and I'm not sure it was written up. Barb & Frank Haas would know the details. They were invited to look for it, but could not find it.

For the record the ♂ Cinnamon Teal was observed in clear lighting with 7x35 Nikon binoculars and a 15x60 Swift spotting scope about 50 yards away. We clearly saw the cinnamon color of the head, neck and sides, and the brown and tawny fleshed back. When it flew we saw the green speculum and the powder blue ~~upper~~ wing coverts. The bird was significantly smaller than the mallards and slightly larger than the ♀ Green-winged Teal.

Hope this is valuable for your
report.

Peace,

John Gmawei,

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Cinnamon Teal
Lancaster County
Nick Pulcinella

On 26 November 1994 I observed the male Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*) that had been present at Octoraro Reservoir since 25 November. I watched the bird for approximately one hour at distances of 100-500 yards under a bright and cloudless afternoon sky. The sun was shining over my right side onto the reservoir. I was using Leitz 10X40 field glasses and a Kowa 20-60X scope. I was able to study the bird at rest and in flight. The bird was both wary and restless and frequently engaged in periodic flights around the lake together with Green-winged Teals (*Anas crecca*) in which they would fly in wide circles for a short time, land, and then take flight again in a few seconds. The bird's flight was strong and it appeared to be healthy.

General description. A duck smaller than a Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), but slightly larger than a Green-winged Teal. Overall color of head, back, and sides was dark cinnamon.

Underparts. When flying, the lower breast and belly appeared to be a light buffy-brown.

Upperwing. The upperwing was dark cinnamon with large pale blue patches in the mid-forewing. It was never close enough to me while flying to notice the smaller dark green patches on the wing.

Bill. Dark, longer and broader than a Green-winged Teal. This feature was very noticeable when the two species were together.

Other observers. Jim and Linda Waldie.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)

Date of Sighting: 25 November 1994 to 27 November 1994

Location: OCTORARO LAKE

County: CHESTER

Observer(s): Nick Pulcinella (W)

Frank Haas (Photo)

Date of Submission: 1994

Submitted by: Nick Pulcinella

Written Description: YES Photo: YES Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas	X							
N. Pulcinella	X							
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
S. Feldstein	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C Haas

Date:

9-19-95