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## SENECA ROCKS AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRD SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION GUIDE

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of rare or unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all except as a guide. Attach additional sheets as necessary. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. The following checklist can be used to remind yourself of items that you want to include in this report. Not all of these points will be seen, nor are they all necessary to correctly identify a species, but not including something you saw lessens the value of your documentation. PLEASE REPORT WHAT WAS SEEN, NOT WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN.

### SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

- Give size compared to a common bird
- Shape ( warbler, thrush, hawk, etc.) *Dabbling duck shape*
- Head: colors and pattern
- Eye: color, ring, stripe, lore, brow
- Bill: length, color
- Legs: color, length, toes (number, type)
- Upperparts: nape (neck), back, rump
- Tail: colors, shape, pattern, length
- Underparts: throat, breast, belly, flanks, vent
- Wings: colors, wingbars, length, wing linings, shape
- Parts of bird that couldn't be seen

### BEHAVIOR:

- Posture
- Feeding method
- Flight pattern
- Vocalization
- Preening or sleeping
- Other species present
- Interactions with other birds
- Nesting (building, brooding, etc.)

### NUMBER, SEX, AGE:

- Number of birds
- Sex by plumage or behavior
- Age by plumage or behavior

### LOCATION:

- Place name (town, park, SGL, etc.)
- County and State
- Habitat (field, woods, water, plants, etc.)

### CONDITIONS:

- Time of day
- Temperature
- Sky/cloud cover
- Precipitation/snow cover *None*
- Water (depth, waves, % ice) *shallow*
- Wind (speed, direction)
- Moon phase ?
- Sun (location in relation to you and bird) *The sun was behind me*
- Length of sighting
- Distance to bird
- Optics (binos, scope, power of each)
- Experience with this species, years birding
- How were similar species eliminated? *Nothing is that similar*
- Field guide used (during and after sighting) *NONE UNTIL AFTER I WRITE THIS.*
- Was description written from notes made during observation, notes made after observation, or memory? Was field guide used prior to writing field notes? *NO*
- Other observers (are they reporting?) *NO ONE AROUND, DNR PEOPLE NOT INTERESTED.*
- Sketch or photograph (sketches, no matter how basic, are extremely useful)

SPECIES Cinnamon TEAL DATE SIGHTED 11/5/96 21:30pm

### SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

About the same size (slightly larger) than the American Coots + Ruddy ducks in the mixed flock around it. The bill was steel black and it reflected sunlight dark gray. It appeared flattened, but not as spooned as a Shoveler. My impression of the bill when I 1st saw it was "large". The eyes were reddish-orange. The head, breast and sides were a rich cinnamon rust color. The head appeared to be slightly darker. When the bird dabbled, the belly was also rusty cinnamon, but a little lighter in shade. The

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)

Date of Sighting: 5 November 1996 to 5 November 1996

Location: MORaine STATE PARK

County: BUTLER

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: John Fedak

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

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):



Date:

8-16-97