

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-12-06 15:57:12
Observer's Name	Bobby Brown
E-mail	bobbybrown1011@gmail.com
Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	David Brown and Steve Pinkerton, plus several chasers
Species (Common Name)	King Eider
Species (Scientific Name)	Somateria spectabilis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	first-year male
Observation Date and Time	12-04-2016 9:40 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S32853938
County	Lycoming
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Gamble Twp
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Rose Valley Lake
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.390353, -76.991377
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	Usually ~200 yards, but flew by closer
Viewing conditions	Sunny, but was in poor light much of the time due to available viewing angle
Optical equipment used	Swarovski EL Swarovision 8.5x42 Binocular, Vortex Optics Razor HD Angled Spotting Scope 16-48x65
Description	Large duck with orange/pinkish bill. Overall brownish, with a pale chest area. Eyering and light line coming down from the eye. Prominent white areas on the underwings
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	The bird was mostly resting on the water. It did dive on at least one occasion and took two short flights before returning to the lake. It disappeared to the east on the third flight at 1:38pm.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Bill shape and lack of white on the upperside eliminated Common Eider. Plumage pattern doesn't match any of the scoters.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Better photographs by David Brown are on the eBird checklist, if my digiscope shots aren't sufficient.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes

During

NatGeo Field Guide App, Sibley eGuide App

After

Sibley

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph











