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Species (Common and Scientific Name):

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*

Subspecies, if known

Number of individuals Sex(es)

1 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):

Date and Time of Observation

12-19-10

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Huntingdon, Smithfield Township

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)

Juniata River above Rt 26 bridge

## Observer Reporting:

Name

DAVID W KYLER

Address State Zip

11076 Fairgrounds Rd Huntingdon

E-mail (Optional)

david.kyler@verizon.net

Phone (Optional)

814-643-6030

Other Observers (Only Those Who Saw and Identified the Bird with You):

Tracy A. Kyler  
Eugene Zielinski

Habitat (E.g. Mowed Field, Woodland Edge, Any other details)

River

Distance to Bird (Specify feet, yards, etc.)

50 FEET

Viewing Conditions (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you)

EARLY MORNING PARTLY CLOUDY, OBJECT  
FRONT BY SUN

Optical Equipment Used

SWAROVSKI EL 10x42 binoculars

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):

SIZE SMALLER THAN ASSOCIATED MALLARD. DIVING WHILE FEEDING. STAYING DOWN LONGER THAN NEARBY FEEDING HOODED Merganser..

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)



Vocalizations

Supporting evidence if any: (Check all that apply)

Photograph

Video Recording

Audio Recording

Drawing

**Photographer/recorder/illustrator:**

Name

Address

City State Zip

E-mail (Optional)

Phone (Optional)

**Please send a copy of the photograph, drawing, or recording to:**

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee  
613 Howard Ave.  
West Chester, Pa 19380  
Nickpulcinella@verizon.net

**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)

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

Previous experience with this and/or similar species

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

**References Consulted:**

During Observation

After Observation

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I believe it is a sub-adult by plumage (Alternate 1 plumage).

Date and Time of Observation

12/20/2010 at 11:40am-12:20pm

Location (City, Borough, Township)

Huntingdon, PA

Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)

on the Juniata River, just north of the Penn St/26 bridge.

## Observer Reporting:

Name

Andrew Weber

Address State Zip

520 Toftrees Ave, apt 134  
State College Pa 16803

E-mail (Optional)

drewweber@gmail.com

Phone (Optional)

484-269-6009

Other Observers (Only Those Who Saw and Identified the Bird with You):

Justine Weber

Habitat (E.g. Mowed Field, Woodland Edge, Any other details)

Juniata River in Huntingdon, small river (130-260 ft wide) with a relatively strong current

Distance to Bird (Specify feet, yards, etc.)

<100ft

Viewing Conditions (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you)

cold, cloudy, around noon. Great viewing conditions although subpar for photographs

Optical Equipment Used

Zeiss 8x42 binoculars and Zeiss 85mm scope, 20-60x

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):

Strikingly plumage bird

- Much smaller than the Mallards it was associating with.
- blue-gray body
- large white crescent in front of eye
- small white circle behind eye
- vertical white lines on chest and neck
- chestnut colored flanks

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

It was very active, movements were much quicker than the Mallards, not as affected by the current. Drifted down the river and then would fly up a short distance, staying with the Mallards.

Vocalizations

Supporting evidence if any: (Check all that apply)

- Photograph       Video Recording       Audio Recording       Drawing

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**Voting Tabulation – Round One**

Species: Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*

Date of Sighting: 19 December 2010 to 1 February 2011

County : HUNTINGDON

Location : HUNTINGDON

Observer(s): Dave Kyler, Trudy Kyler m.obs

Date of Submission: 2010

Submitted by: Drew Weber, Wayne Laubscher

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. DeReamus	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 710

Signature (Secretary) Nick Pulcinella

Date: 8/20/11