

PA Rare Bird Report

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| Submission Date | 2019-12-27 22:17:52 |
| Observer's Name | Bobby Brown |
| E-mail | bobbybrown1011@gmail.com |
| Observer's Address | United States |
| Names of additional observers | Bill Gehron (finder), Deb Brown, Bob Brown, and many others |
| Species (Common Name) | Harlequin Duck |
| Species (Scientific Name) | Histrionicus histrionicus |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known) | immature male |
| Observation Date and Time | 11-13-2019 9:50 AM |
| Did you submit this sighting to eBird? | Yes |
| Link to eBird checklist | https://ebird.org/checklist/S61416406 |
| County | Lycoming |
| Location (City, Borough, Township) | Williamsport |
| Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) | Lycoming Creek near Elm Park |
| GPS coordinates of sighting | 41.239678,-77.043037 |
| Habitat | Creek, near a small section of rapids |
| Description | Photos should be clear enough to convey what was seen in the field. |
| Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) | Spent much of its time sitting near the bank on rocks. Would sometimes swim out into the rapids to dive/forage. |
| Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others) | Behavior and small bill eliminate the scoters with similar head plumage. The small round white spot on the head should pretty much rule out any other options. |

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

Second Lycoming County record.

Stayed at location until 11/30, and then apparently moved to the Williamsport Dam area (similar looking bird found there 12/7, although appearance started changing to more obvious male plumage features)

Some of the attached photos were taken on subsequent visits to the location. More photos are available if necessary (a lot are on eBird from others too).

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

Yes, it was well-seen by a lot of birders, and well-photographed.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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| Species (Scientific Name) | Histrionicus histrionicus |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known) | immature male |
| Observation Date and Time | 12-07-2019 10:40 AM |
| Did you submit this sighting to eBird? | Yes |
| Link to eBird checklist | https://ebird.org/checklist/S62112911 |
| County | Lycoming |
| Location (City, Borough, Township) | Williamsport |
| Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) | West Branch Susquehanna River near Market St. Bridge |
| GPS coordinates of sighting | 41.237437, -76.997491 |
| Habitat | River |
| Description | Photos should show any needed details. |
| Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) | Swimming and diving near the Market St. bridge. |

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

This is probably the same bird that was on Lycoming Creek through 11/30, but I figured it was worth submitting a second report since there was a gap in sightings for a week and it's a completely different location, where it decided to stay for a while. The two locations are a couple miles apart.

The bird is still present as of 12/27 when I am submitting this, and seems to be molting, because the male plumage features have become more obvious.

Attached photos were taken on two different visits: 12/7, 12/20.

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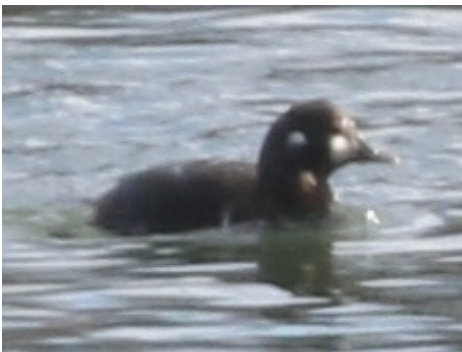
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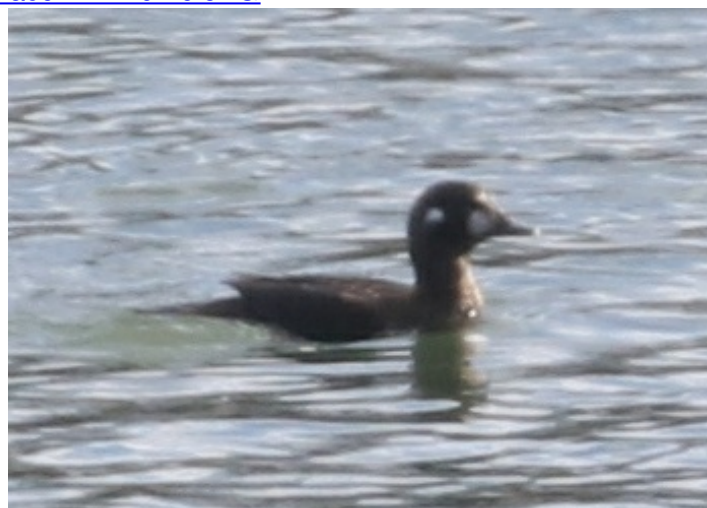
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