

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2020-01-26 23:00:17
Observer's Name	Michael David
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Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	Dave Wilton, Shannon Thompson, Scott Kinzey
Species (Common Name)	Harlequin Duck
Species (Scientific Name)	Histrionicus histrionicus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Female or immature
Observation Date and Time	11-16-2019 4:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S61504077
County	Allegheny
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Blawnox
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Allegheny River at boardwalk off St. Charles Ct.
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.496257, -79.852923
Habitat	Open water
Description	Small duck with round head and small gray bill. Upper mandible slope becoming shallower towards tip, which together with head shape creates smooth curve between crown and tip of bill. Plumage mostly uniform dark brown, with some pale mottling on belly. Smudgy white on front of face in upright oval shape broken by smudgy dark line in front of eye. Crisp white circular patch on side of head.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Swimming on the river, mostly with its head tucked in sleeping position while I was there.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Uniform dark plumage most similar to scoters, but this bird was smaller with a much smaller bill. The crisply marked white circle on the side of the head also rules out other possibilities.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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