

Meadville, Pa.  
March 19, 1989

Dear Barb + Frank,

Glad to get your call yesterday. As you know I have been blind about 35 to 40 years here in Crawford Co. and still have a lot to learn. Thanks to Frank I think he got me straightened out on the Barrows Challenge.

I just have to make decisions in the fire to think ahead and call someone to come all this way and mostly likely the bird would be gone the next day. Working on the Br. Bird class reports, banding records, getting things setup for the Pym. Group Spring meeting; working 8 hours a day. cleaning, getting meals, washing and tending care of my self and Mother take most of my time. She is very sick so I can't really bird too far away. She does want me to go to the PBBAP meeting in April. hope I can.

As to the challenge I was thinking there were several records - perhaps I had Erie Co. records on my mind.

Sorry, I can't afford a \$2,000 camera to verify.  
Love,  
Ron



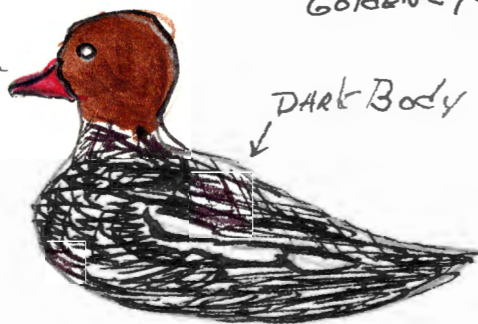
my work  
is so secret

...I don't even know  
what I'm doing!

Pymatuning Lake MARCH 11, 1989

Full ORANGE Bill

FEMALE  
BARROW'S  
GOLDENEYE



Dark Body

Pale Bill tip



lighter Body

FEMALE C. GOLDENEYE

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE at PYMATUNING

By Ronald F. Leberman

While birding alone on Saturday March 11, 1989 at Pymatuning State Park I spotted two ducks that looked a little strange in with a group of Common Goldeneye's just off Ford Island. At first glimpses they looked like Old Squaws but when I got them in my scope I could see they were goldeneye's but not the usual ones I have been watching for some thirty years of birding this area. One bird was a Barrow's Goldeneye a new species for me. It was a female with a completely orange bill and the other bird was a female Common Goldeneye with a half yellow and half black bill. I had them in good sunlight for about ten minutes. I had just seen the Audubon Society of Western Pa. Group at the Fish Hatchery and they had not mentioned having seen it. (Although from Frank's call yesterday perhaps they did?). I could not return to the fish hatchery as I was late as it was to return home. Didn't even have time to write it up in my field notes for two days.

Although Todd does not mention the bird in Birds of Western Pa. I was sure there must be a few records and Grimm Bird of the Pymatuning Region lists two records one 4/1/44 By H.H. Harrison and 1 4/3/49 J.F. Mehner, J. McCormick and Miss L. R. Patterson.

Ref. / Grimm, W.S. 1952 BIRDS OF THE PYMATUNING REGION , Pennsylvania Game Commission,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

/ Todd, W.E.C. 1940 BIRDS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA , University of Pittsburgh Press,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania .

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Barrow's Goldeneye**

Date of Sighting: **March 11, 1989**

Observer(s): **Ronald Leberman**

Date of Submission: **1989 Crawford**

Submitted by: **Ronald Leberman**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater							X
B. Haas							X
F. Haas							X
R. Leberman			X				
G. McWilliams							X
S. Santner						X	
P. Schwalbe						X	
TOTALS			1			2	4
DECISION			<del>1</del>			<del>2</del>	<del>4</del>

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*B. Haas*

Date:

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