

155-01-1991

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)
Erie County
Andrew Troyer



On 4 March 1991 Tim Troyer, Pete Fehr and I were birding there [in Presque Isle State Park] at what I think was the second pull-over as you enter the isle. I had my Nikon scope and spotted this duck. The first I noticed was the spots on its high sides. I[t] must be a goldeneye. I got the Peterson Guide. Then looked for that black field mark on the shoulder. It was there as plain as daylight. There were dots not stripes on the back. I then checked for the oval white patch behind its bill it was there. I was checking the guide then Tim Troyer was using the scope. I asked him if he also agrees that the white patch is oval and not round. He said, "Oval." I then asked if the head is green or purple. His answer was, "Definitely purple."

_____ at that had it confirmed as a Barrow's Goldeneye.

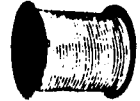
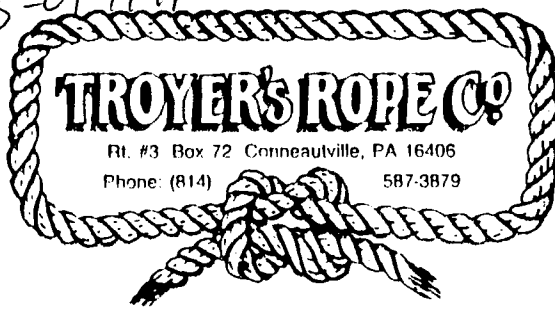
We had moved to this area last August and this is my first year birding at Presque Isle. I was happy to add this lifer and just thought it's probably a duck that is common here. We continued on up the isle enjoying *ourselves* Not until on the way home did I look at that ?maps _____ and my eyes opened to the fact that it was quite a rare sighting.

I had a happy birding season this spring. I got 165 species so far in 91.

My eight nests of bluebirds are doing fine and so are the 10 nests of Tree Swallow, 18 of my 24 @paired houses are occupied. That's terrific for a new trail. I have 4 complete Purple Martin nests, 3 have eggs, and two more are building, so that gives me 6 pair for my first year here. My brother @ that is on our homestead in @Apple Creek, OH nests 80 to 90 pairs of Purple Martin every year. Plus over 200 pair of Cliff Swallow.

How I look forward [to] meeting you sometime.

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"To show we care, we serve you square"

Jerry McWilliams
3142 W. 12th St.
Erie, PA. 16505

6-3-91

Dear Jerry,

How I am finally getting the report written up about that barrow's goldeneye that I spotted in Presque Isle.

On March 4, 91 Jim Meyer, Pete Jehu & I were birding there at what I think was at the second pull-over as you enter the isle. I had my Nikon scope and spotted this duck. The first I noticed was the spots on its high side. I must be a golden eye. I got the Peterson Guide. Then looked for that black field mark on the shoulder. It was there as plain as daylight. There were dots not stripes on the back. I then checked for the oval white patch behind its bill it was there. I was checking the guide then Jim Meyer was using the scope. I asked him if he also agrees that the white patch is oval and not round. He said, "Oval." I then asked if the head is green or purple. His answer was, "Definitely purple." He at that point confirmed as a barrow's goldeneye.

Andrew & Lena Mae Troyer

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We had moved to this area last Aug. 90 & this is my first year birding at the new place. I was happy to add this life & I just thought it's probably a duck that is common here. We continued on up the lake enjoying ourselves. Got untied on the way home and I look at that way & I see that my eyes opened to the fact that it was quite a ^{rare} sighting.

I had a happy birding season this spring. I got 165 species so far in '91. My eight nests of chickadees are doing fine and 20 are the 10 nest of tree swallows, 18 of my 24 paired houses are occupied. That's terrific for a new trail. I have 4 complete purple martin nests, 3 have eggs, and 2 more are building, so that gives me 6 pairs for my first year here. My brother Ben that is in our homestead in Purple Creek, OK. nests 80 to 90 pairs ^{Purple Martin} yearly. Plus over 200 pair of cliff swallows.

How I look forward meeting you soon. Sincerely yours,

Robert [Signature]

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Barrow's Goldeneye**

Date of Sighting: **4 March 1991**

Observer(s): **Andrew Troyer, Pete Fehr, Tim Troyer**

Date of Submission: **1991 Erie**

Submitted by: **Andrew Troyer**

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				5			2
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

B. Haas

Date:

3/7/92