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UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

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Species: Barrow's Goldeneye-female

Observers: Found by Bill Hoehne, seen by Alan Brady, Devitch Farbotnik, August & Judy Mirabella, Ray Hendrick, etc.

Dates seen: 1/19/01-3/11/01

Where observed: Delaware River just north of New Hope, Bucks Co. near Phillips Mill

Conditions: Clear, sunny, sun behind us in afternoon

Zeiss 7x42, Leica APO77

300 to 700 feet away

Description: The bird was in a large flock of 58 Common Goldeneye. With binoculars, the bird could be picked out by its yellow bill compared to the Common females which had only a yellow tip. With the scope, the darker, browner tone of the head could be seen in direct comparison with the Common females. The sharper angle of the forehead where it meets the bill could also be seen. In the video being submitted with this documentation, taken 1/25, these characteristics are clearly visible. In addition, the video shows a stubbier bill.

Additional Documentation: VHS video tape

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Barrow's Goldeneye (Bucephala islandica)

Date of Sighting: 19 January 2001 to 11 March 2001

Location: DELAWARE RIVER at NEW HOPE

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Bill Hoehne, Alan Brady, Devitch Farbotnik, August Mirabella
Judy Mirabella, Ray Hendrick

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: August Mirabella

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

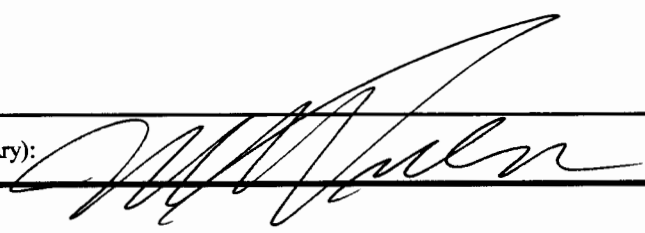
Specimen: No

Recording: Video

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
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G. Armistead	X							
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Hess	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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