

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	Street Address: 15 S Muhlenberg St. City: Allentown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18104 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Richard Wiltraut, Stephen Kloiber, Kathy Sieminski
Species (Common Name)	Barrow's goldeneye
Species (Scientific Name)	Bucephala islandica
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult (presumed) female Additional note: Rick Wiltraut originally observed this bird 2/16/2014
Observation Date and Time	02-17-2014 2:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Portland PA
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	River Rd.
Habitat	Delaware River
Distance to bird	150 yards
Viewing conditions	clear day
Optical equipment used	Brunton 11x45 binoculars, Canon 7d camera with Canon 600mm f4L IS lens
Description	Appearance similar to female Common Goldeneye (also present) but with stubbier, more completely yellow/orange bill. Head shape was with a more vertical forehead, and the color of the head feathering was a darker brown than female Common Goldeneye.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Mingling with flocks of Common Goldeneye and Greater Scaup. Feeding and preening during entire 1-2 hour viewing period.

**Separation from similar species
(How you eliminated others)**

See attached photo showing Barrow's female and Common female in same image.

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

DCNR Naturalist Rick Wiltraut (who originally found the bird) was with me while i photographed it.

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

positive - It was easy to compare to the only other species that resembles it as they were intermingled.

During

Sibley's, National Geographic

After

many others

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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