



**PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE**  
210 Welcome Ave. Norwood, PA 19074

28 January 2002

Mr. Alan Brady  
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Dear Alan,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the loon at Peace Valley Park on 8-9 November 1999. After careful review, the Committee has voted not to accept this record.

The vote against acceptance was unanimous, with five members believing the bird in the photograph was more likely a Common Loon than a Pacific Loon and two believing that the picture was not conclusive for either species.

We all have a healthy respect for your experience and as you know, our non-acceptance does not mean the loon was not a Pacific but simply that the Committee believes the evidence does not support the identification conclusively.

We trust that the decision won't prevent you from submitting reports on any future rarities that you find.

Sincerely,



For the Committee:  
Paul Hess, Chairman

P.S. I have missed seeing you on the too few pelagic trips I've managed to take in the last couple of years. Maybe this year we'll connect.

Record No. 002a-02-1999

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Nov 11

MOST THANKS

Dear Barb and Frank,  
Thought I might send you a few bird greetings from Peace Valley. The first is The group of 8 Lesser Black-backed Gulls on the dock, (Oct. 22 1999) There are many more on the water and in the fields here in Bucks.

Next is this Goose. What the hell is it? How about Ross X Canada X Blue? You have much more experience with Snows and Ross"s.Oct. 20 1999.

Lastly, on Nov. 8 1999, a Pacific Loon, never close, but seen well enough to catch the basic black and white plumage, the throat collar, light colored bill (often held upward as I have noted on others) Medium size, Not too small, not too big But "just right" The following morning when others arrived at 7:00 A.M. with some better optics we could discern fine white spotting on the back. Forgot to say that on the previous day I often could see a small white patch on the rear flanks.

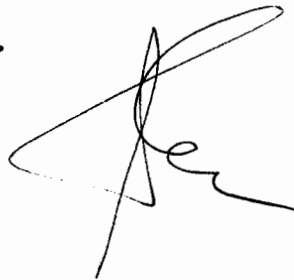
I should get a real scope, but my ancient Bushnell does flush out some good stuff, sometimes.

I had a 1.4 extender on 400 mm. on the loon, Hand held, hence not needle sharp. Also enlarged and cropped all the way.

The loon took off at 7:45 A.M.

Happy Thanksgiving

Alan.



**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Ballot - Round One**

Species: Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*)

Date of Sighting: 8 November 1999 to 9 November 1999

Location: BUCKS

County: PEACE VALLEY PARK

Observer(s): Alan Brady

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Alan Brady

Written Description: Yes

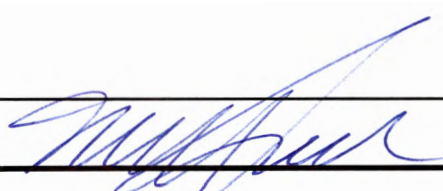
Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
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G. Armistead						X		
D. Couchman						X		
P. Hess					X			
R. Ickes				X				
M. Sharp						X		
B. Reid				X				
P. Rodewald					X			
TOTALS				2	2	3		
DECISION						X		

Comments: 0/7/0

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 12/2/00