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"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal - *Anas crecca crecca*  
Wildwood Lake, Harrisburg, PA - Dauphin County  
January 16, 1993

On Saturday, January 16, 1993 while looking over some dabbling ducks near the north end of Wildwood Lake, I noticed that in a group of nine male Green-winged Teal one of them was different. It lacked the vertical white stripe on the side near the fold of the wing that is very conspicuous on the "American" Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca carolinensis*). At first I couldn't find the horizontal stripe on the edge of the folded wing that is characteristic of the "Eurasian" subspecies, but after it preened and fluffed its feathers the stripe was clearly visible. This stripe appeared buffy-yellowish to me; about the same shade as the flank patches which were apparent on both subspecies.

The "Eurasian" bird looked identical to the "American" birds in all other aspects including size and head pattern. At one point when the bird was facing straight towards me, the white outlines of the green face patch seemed to stand out more than on the "American" birds, but from a side view, it was hard to distinguish any difference. Also I thought the breast appeared more colorful, but I think that may be because the color on the breast of the "American" subspecies was overpowered by the white vertical stripe which is quite bright at this time of year.

The bird was observed for about 20 minutes from 120 - 150 feet using 10x50 binoculars and a 22x Spacemaster spotting scope. The observation took place around 1 p.m. under an overcast but bright sky. The bird was also seen by Ramsay Koury and Robyn Henise. The bird was not photographed.

According to the Annotated List of the Birds of Pennsylvania (Santner, et al., 1992), the Eurasian race of Green-winged Teal is casual to accidental in the state being more often found in the eastern counties. This was my first encounter with this subspecies.

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## Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Green-winged Teal (Eurasian race) (Anas crecca)**

Date of Sighting: **16 January 1993 to 16 January 1993**

Location: **WILDWOOD LAKE**

County: **DAUPHIN**

Observer(s): **Don Henise**

Date of Submission: **1993**

Submitted by: **Don Henise**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **NO** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
J. Skinner			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

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