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PENNSYLVANIA RATE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES: Eurasian Green-winged Teal (Common Teal) *Anas crecca crecca*

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS: 1 **SEX:** Male

AGE AND PLUMAGE: Adult in breeding plumage

DATE & TIME OF OBSERVATION: Mar. 9, 2009 (8:00 AM), Apr. 8, 2009 (8:00 AM), Apr. 24, 2009 (8:30 AM).

LOCATION: Newtown Twp, Bucks Co, PA

EXACT SITE: Hidden Lake, accessed from Washington Crossing Rd.

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS: Gerry Dewaghe saw and confirmed the bird subsequent to my original posting.

HABITAT: Hidden Lake is a flood control reservoir on the Newtown Creek. On the three occasions that I saw the teal, it was at the shallow end of the reservoir, farthest from the dam on which I stood. At that point, the water is shallow, with a muddy bottom. It is surrounded by deciduous woodland.

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 900 feet.

VIEWING CONDITIONS: Cloudy, 45 degrees on Mar. 9 and Apr. 8; sunny, 45 degrees on Apr. 24, with the sun behind me. No significant wind on any occasion.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Swarovski EL 8.5 x 42 binoculars; Nikon Fieldscope ED III A with 40-75 x zoom.

DESCRIPTION: At the distance I viewed the bird each time, it was identical to the many American Green-winged Teal swimming with it, with the exception of the white stripe. It did not have a vertical white stripe in front of the wings, but it did have a bold horizontal white stripe on the scapulars.

BEHAVIOR: The Common Teal was always with a flock of American Green-winged Teal, numbering as many as 54 on Apr. 8. They were swimming and feeding in the shallow end of the reservoir. The flock was skittish, and on each occasion I was unable to

approach along the lakeshore without the Common Teal disappearing – either flying off or swimming out of sight up the inlet creek.

VOCALIZATIONS: None noted.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE: I am attaching 2 photographs taken on Apr. 24, 2009 with a Nikon Coolpix P5100 digital camera through my spotting scope.

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES: Only the American Green-winged Teal can be confused with this Common Teal, and the position of the white stripe is evidence for the latter. While my photos are quite poor, I did see the bird moving around quite a bit, and there was no vertical stripe at all, ruling out a hybrid.

DISCUSSION: None

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: I have observed Common Teal on several occasions in New Jersey and at John Heinz NWR in Delaware County.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? Yes, I can see no other reasonable candidate.

REFERENCES CONSULTED: During observation: Sibley (Eastern). After observation: Internet.

DATE OF THIS REPORT: Jul. 2, 2009

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: William J. Keim

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

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

Date of Sighting: 9 March 2009 to 24 April 2009

County : BUCKS

Location : NEWTOWN TWP

Observer(s): William Keim, Gerry Dewaghe

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: William Keim

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

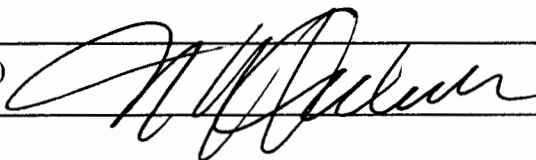
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/17/09