

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) 2

First reported by Mark Gallagher. One bird had a bolder horizontal white stripe than the other and on the less bold bird the stripes could basically vanish except maybe for a hairline near rear. The buff narrow stripe around the green face patch extending down to the bill was visible but not bold on both birds. Origin is always suspect. One or more of these has been reported the last few years at various spots in that vicinity and are probably the same returning bird(s). The two pictures are one each of the two birds.

The third picture is the one that the horizontal bar vanishes."<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bcb-oldcoot/6773009853/>" title="Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)#1 at LaSalle Pond 1-25-2012 by am19454, on Flickr"http://farm8.staticflickr.com/7168/6773009853_2aead92f90.jpg" alt="Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)#1 at LaSalle Pond 1-25-2012"<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bcb-oldcoot/6773038261/>" title="Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)#2 LaSalle Pond 1-25-2012 by am19454, on Flickr"http://farm8.staticflickr.com/7005/6773038261_ae71b95f73.jpg" alt="Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)#2 LaSalle Pond 1-25-2012 "<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bcb-oldcoot/6790483619/>" title="Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) with narrow white bar hidden. by am19454, on Flickr"http://farm8.staticflickr.com/7030/6790483619_1f4bb53dda.jpg" alt="Green-winged Teal(Eurasian) with narrow white bar hidden.

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Species (Common and Scientific Name): Eurasian Teal (*Anas crecca crecca*)

Subspecies, if known : crecca

Number of individuals Sex(es): One male

Age(s) and Plumage(s): Adult

Date and Time of Observation: Tuesday Jan 17, 2012 07:20 AM

Location: Newtown Township

Exact Site: LaSalle College stormwater basin, Lower Silver Lake Road

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Other Observers: None

Habitat: Naturalized stormwater basin bordered by maintained lawn

Distance to Bird: 150 feet

Viewing Conditions: Early morning, sun rising and I was facing east.

Optical Equip: binoculars and digital camera with 300 mm lens.

Description: At least one Eurasian teal was observed with a flock of green-winged teal. The horizontal stripe on the sides was clearly visible on the Eurasian teal in contrast to the nearby green winged teal's vertical side stripe. Several photographs were taken albeit at a distance that show the white horizontal side stripe. A second bird was also present but the horizontal stripe was not as pronounced and may have been an intergrade.

Behavior: The bird was foraging and loafing similarly to the green-winged teals

References Consulted After: Sibley's website,

<http://www.sibleyguides.com/2011/03/distinguishing-green-winged-and-common-teal/>

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