

PA Rare Bird Report

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| Submission Date | 2013-06-03 15:51:34 |
| Observer's Name | Mark Gallagher |
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| Phone | 215-378-8162 |
| Observer's Address | Street Address: 1902 Sylvan Terrace City: Yardley State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19067 Country: United States |
| Names of additional observers | None |
| Species (Common Name) | Common teal |
| Species (Scientific Name) | Anas crecca |
| Subspecies (if known) | Anas crecca crecca |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known) | Adult male |
| Observation Date and Time | 03-21-2013 6:30 PM |
| Did you submit this sighting to eBird? | Yes |
| Link to eBird checklist | http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S13477545 |
| County | Bucks |
| Location (City, Borough, Township) | Newtown Township |
| Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) | LaSalle College Stormwater Pond, 33 University Drive, Newtown, PA 18940 (located off of Silver Lake Road) |
| GPS coordinates of sighting | 40.2242541,-74.9043639 |
| Habitat | Small stormwater pond bordered by cattail along about 3/4's of the pond edge. |
| Distance to bird | approximately 200 feet. |
| Viewing conditions | Clear |
| Optical equipment used | Nikon Monarch 8x42 |
| Description | One common teal was observed with 13 green winged teal. |

The horizontal white side stripe was apparent relative to the vertical strip on the male green winged teal.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

The bird was amongst a flock of green winged teal and was foraging harmoniously with the other birds.

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

I had observed common teal at this pond previously and the observation was later confirmed by other birders in the area including August Mirabella and Bill Kiem.

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

Yes. This is the second time this species was observed at this location and I not only had excellent views of the bird but had the chance photodocument its presence. Although the photographs are not great they are good enough to easily see the white horizontal side strip on the bird.

During

Sibleys Field guide

After

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

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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