

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	704 Delaware Avenue Palmerton PA 18071 United States
Names of additional observers	Barbara Rehrig
Species (Common Name)	Green-winged (Common) Teal)
Species (Scientific Name)	Anas crecca crecca
Subspecies (if known)	Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult male
Observation Date and Time	03-20-2018 9:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S43808494
County	Carbon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Lehighton
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Beltzville State Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.858607, -75.628777
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	0.1 miles
Viewing conditions	Cloudy
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 7x35 binoculars and Zeiss 85 Diascope

Description

Seen in the BSP Boat Rental Cove with other Green-winged Teal (American) males which made comparison easy. The first thing that got our attention was the bold large horizontal white patch on the sides. We also noticed it lacked the vertical white shoulder (scapular) bar found on male Green-winged Teal. Not apparent at the time, but seen later in our photos when we get home was the apparent lighter head color.

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

The group of Green-winged Teal were feeding in the cove when we arrived. They began to swim away from us when we stopped the car. I got out of the car to scope them. After viewing them through the scope for several minutes, I was able to get a few distant photos before they all flew west toward the dam.

We tried unsuccessfully to relocate them again.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Easily distinguished from the 'American' species as it was in with several other males providing excellent comparison. The lack of the vertical bar at the scapular would eliminate an American x Eurasian hybrid.

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

Yes

During

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After

Photos (brightened a bit to bring out details) Original photos available if needed.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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