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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1443 Wheaton Lane City: North Wales State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19454 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	No one when I found it.
Species (Common Name)	Pink-footed Goose
Species (Scientific Name)	Anser brachyrhynchus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	12-20-2012 11:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S12340122
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Britain Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.338459, -75.1791992 eBird Hotspot site
Habitat	365 acre lake
Distance to bird	Various-50 yds min.
Viewing conditions	Cloudy but good
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 7x42 & Leica APO Trinovid 77
Description	Although my eBird entry says I birded to about noon, I actually watched the bird on and off until late afternoon showing others who happened by. The afternoon was focused on this bird only and just enjoying the rest of the day, not listing more species for eBird. This report is a

supplement to the report I submitted for the November stay of what I believe is the same bird, and thus that description then applies here as well. This documentation is mainly to establish the second period of stay, which lasted until 12/23 as reported by others (Tom Johnson et al). He probably has already submitted documentation as well. The belief that it is the same as the November bird is based on the bill pattern shown in the pictures taken both times. The pictures also compare to the bird of November/December 2011, which I also believe was the same bird. This can also be seen at the following website that was created by Mary Ellen Curtin to compare birds found at all the sites in PA and NJ.
<http://goodbookoftheday.com/birding/PFGOs2.html#epsilon>
 The pink on the Peace Valley bird extends long to the base of the bill. This is different than the bird found in lower Bucks January 2013 documented by others and also shown on this website. The pink on that bird goes only about half way toward the base of the bill.

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

Swimming and doing lots of preening and bathing including flipping over many times showing the pink legs.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

See November documentation

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

With lots of wild Canada Geese. Feisty as it chased nearby Canada Geese that got close.

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

Yes, see photo.

During

NONE

After

MY PHOTO

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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