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| <b>Submission Date</b>                            | 2012-11-27 10:35:41   |
| <b>Observer's Name</b>                            | August Mirabella  |
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| <b>Observer's Address</b>                         | Street Address: 1443 Wheaton Lane<br>City: North Wales<br>State / Province: PA<br>Postal / Zip Code: 19454<br>Country: United States  |
| <b>Names of additional observers</b>              | Many came to see it after I reported it.  |
| <b>Species (Common Name)</b>                      | Pink-footed Goose   |
| <b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>                  | Anser brachyrhynchus  |
| <b>Number of individuals</b>                      | 1   |
| <b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>          | Yes   |
| <b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>   | Presumed Adult  |
| <b>Observation Date and Time</b>                  | 11-17-2012 4:00 PM  |
| <b>County</b>                                     | Bucks   |
| <b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>         | New Britain Twp. (mailing address Doylestown 18901)   |
| <b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b> | Peace Valley Park   |
| <b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>                | 40.338459, -75.1791992 eBird Hotspot site   |
| <b>Habitat</b>                                    | 365 acre lake in 1500 acre park   |
| <b>Distance to bird</b>                           | 100 ft. and up  |
| <b>Viewing conditions</b>                         | Setting sun at my back  |
| <b>Optical equipment used</b>                     | Zeiss 7x42 & Leica APO Trinovid 77  |
| <b>Description</b>                                | Black base and tip to bill, with bright pink mid-section and sides. Legs were bubblegum pink. In the setting golden cast of the sun, the bird mostly gave a varying shades of brown color for the body, but primaries and secondaries gave grayish cast in some angles of view. The head and neck were darker than rest of body with lower neck fading to lighter breast. Flanks were brown |

with light feather edges and narrow white upper edge. The upper body and wing feathers were also light fringed. The ventral area was white. No uncovered tail views were seen. Voice could easily be heard over the roar of the other geese. It was higher pitched and two notes. A poor description is a drawn out hiccup. Unfortunately, I didn't think to record it.

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

Swimming, feeding on shore briefly, and almost continuously calling while swimming.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Bean Goose (most similar), Greylag Goose, and both White-fronted Geese could be similar. However, size, structure, bill size and color pattern, feather color, and leg color are generally different. The leg and bill color being pale pink, yellow or black on these similar geese. The photos support the ID.

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

Goose numbers had increased significantly from previous visit. It was presumed large number of stopover migrants were present. They were wary and left shore as walkers approached at some distance. The bird had no leg bands or other signs of captive status. It is presumed this was same bird that stopped at Peace Valley/Pine Run 11/21/11-12/1/11. So, the three known days present this year may indicate the same migrant flock stopping over on their way to a wintering site.

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

Yes, this is at least the fifth time I have seen the species in SE PA and have become familiar with it. The details and photos support the ID.

**During**

None

**After**

Sibley Guide & Waterfowl-Madge & Burn

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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