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Observer's Address	Street Address: Acopian Center for Ornithology, Muhlenberg College Street Address Line 2: 2400 Chew Street City: Allentown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18104-5586 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Dr. Daniel Klem, Jr and Scott Burnet
Species (Common Name)	Pink-footed Goose
Species (Scientific Name)	Anser brachyrhynchus
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult, sex unknown
Observation Date and Time	01-07-2013 1:30 PM
County	Lehigh
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Allentown
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lake Muhlenberg
GPS coordinates of sighting	40°35'38.70"N, 75°30'29.67"W
Habitat	City park
Distance to bird	feet (91 meters) using 30-70 x Swarovski spotting scope and second visit, 50 feet (15 meters).
Viewing conditions	Bird viewed into mid-day sun to the southwest, but on shore and in shade of tree trucks and branches, making viewing of bill and leg colors fine. Better light during second visit with sun behind me and much closer to bird, though swimming.
Optical equipment used	30-70 x Swarovski spotting scope. 8 x 32 Leica Binoculars
Description	It was obviously smaller (one third to half smaller)

and richer brown than the surrounding geese, with a pale horizontal stripe along side. Compared to the Canada Geese, the bird presented a shorter body, shorter neck, more rounded, all dark brown head, with a small, shorter bill, that was mottled with pink. Legs pinkish. The bird was grayish/brown on back, more brown on front and sides, with the feather margins on the back showing whitish edges, and vent area white.

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

Feeding along shore with 25 Canada Geese.

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

Yes, easy ID and great viewing conditions. I have seen this bird in Europe and also on three different occasions when it was documented in Berks County, at Oley, as well as the previous sighting at this location in December 2009.

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