

Submission Date	2013-03-10 01:12:24
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 407 S Cigar Rd City: Northampton State / Province: United States Postal / Zip Code: 18067 Country: United States
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	01-05-2013 8:45 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/pa/view/checklist?subID=S12509366
County	Lehigh
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Upper Macungie Twp
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Fogelsville Quarry
Habitat	Open water-filled quarry pit
Distance to bird	Hard to estimate...probably 1000 feet, viewed from above
Viewing conditions	excellent
Optical equipment used	8x Celestron binoculars, good Nikon 24-30x scope
Description	Text book description. This goose was with hundreds of Canada geese. It was significantly smaller; chocolate brown head, short neck, and stubby bill which was black at base and at extreme tip, with bright pink coloration between. Adult bird...barred gray plumage overall, especially compared to typical brown Canadas.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird	Floating around on the water; flew a short distance once.

was doing)

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Unmistakable. Brown head and small, mostly pink bill completely different from what would be expected of Greater White-fronted goose. Furthermore, lacked "white front" of GWFG. Not easily confused with any other expected goose on east coast.

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

Seen by many birders, with photos obtained by others.

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

100%

During

none

After

none

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