

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2013-06-03 15:51:34
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1902 Sylvan Terrace City: Yardley State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19067 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	None
Species (Common Name)	Common teal
Species (Scientific Name)	Anas crecca
Subspecies (if known)	Anas crecca crecca
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult male
Observation Date and Time	03-21-2013 6:30 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S13477545
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Newtown Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	LaSalle College Stormwater Pond, 33 University Drive, Newtown, PA 18940 (located off of Silver Lake Road)
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.2242541,-74.9043639
Habitat	Small stormwater pond bordered by cattail along about 3/4's of the pond edge.
Distance to bird	approximately 200 feet.
Viewing conditions	Clear
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 8x42
Description	One common teal was observed with 13 green winged teal.

	The horizontal white side stripe was apparent relative to the vertical strip on the male green winged teal.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	The bird was amongst a flock of green winged teal and was foraging harmoniously with the other birds.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	I had observed common teal at this pond previously and the observation was later confirmed by other birders in the area including August Mirabella and Bill Kiem.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes. This is the second time this species was observed at this location and I not only had excellent views of the bird but had the chance photodocument its presence. Although the photographs are nnot great they are good enough to easily see the white horizontal side strip on the bird.
During	Sibleys Field guide
After	http://www.sibleyguides.com/2011/03/distinguishing-green-winged-and-common-teal/
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
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