

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2014-02-27 16:12:03
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 15 S Muhlenberg St. City: Allentown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18104 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Richard Wiltraut, Stephen Kloiber, Kathy Sieminski
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Barrow's goldeneye
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Bucephala islandica
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult (presumed) female
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	02-17-2014 2:00 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Portland PA
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	River Rd.
<b>Habitat</b>	Delaware River
<b>Distance to bird</b>	150 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear day
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Brunton 11x45 binoculars, Canon 7d camera with Canon 600mm f4L IS lens
<b>Description</b>	Appearance similar to female Common Goldeneye (also present) but with stubbier, more completely yellow/orange bill. Head shape was with a more vertical forehead, and the color of the head feathering was a darker brown than female Common Goldeneye.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Mingling with flocks of Common Goldeneye and Greater Scaup. Feeding and preening during entire 1-2 hour viewing period.

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

See attached photo showing Barrow's female and Common female in same image.

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

DCNR Naturalist Rick Wiltraut (who originally found the bird) was with me while i photographed it.

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

positive - It was easy to compare to the only other species that resembles it as they were intermingled.

**During**

Sibley's, National Geographic

**After**

many others

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

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**



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