

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-11-13 13:11:05
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Observer's Address	239 Miller Rd Apt 10 Akron PA 17501 United States
Names of additional observers	Bruce Carl, Larry Bernhardt
Species (Common Name)	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	10-25-2016 7:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32222480
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Ephrata
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Farm Ln
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.1702608,-76.0948223
Habitat	Pond
Distance to bird	~60m
Viewing conditions	Clear
Optical equipment used	Vortex Viper 20-60x80
Description	Large duck, thick, long pink legs, black belly, chestnut body, white wings, pink bill and gray head.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Spent most of time on the far bank, then moved to the plywood platform pictured. Wasn't observed to feed. Stuck near a Mallard flock, but not with it and was harassed by them several times. Seemed to keep an eye on us while we observed.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Unmistakable.

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

Several things indicate that this may very well be a wild bird: lack of a band, presence of hind toes, and ability to fly (it moved ponds or was flushed several times that we know of). Two fairly large wild flocks in New Jersey broke up over the late summer, and perhaps that's where this bird originated. It had been frequenting the nearby pond at the corner of Hurst Rd for at least 4-6 weeks prior to word making it to the birding community. Was observed by locals to make whistling calls while in flight, and never acted tame to my knowledge. Continued through at least 5 Nov 16.

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

Yes

During

None

After

None

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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