

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-10-05 22:22:14
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Observer's Address	5333 Scully Court New Tripoli PA 18066 United States
Names of additional observers	Bill Etter
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	10-05-2016 11:40 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31904521
County	Northampton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Walnutport
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lehigh Canal
Habitat	Canal and path along Lehigh river
Distance to bird	30 yards
Viewing conditions	Clear day
Optical equipment used	Opticron MM3 spotting scope
Description	Small to medium sized duck, smaller than surrounding Mallards. Orange beak, pink legs and feet. Gray head with brown crown. Brown chest and back with black, gray and white wings.No observable marks to indicate an escaped bird.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird was sleeping on a log for first 30 minutes then began foraging with surrounding Mallard flock. Bird dove repeatedly.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Size and coloration were distinctive to this species. Compared with app pics of said species. Identical.

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

Full video at <https://flic.kr/p/LY6pFT>

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

Yes. Size, coloration and behavior all point to suggested species.

During

Audubon Birds apl

After

Same

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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