

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	736 Main St Slatington Pa 18080 United States
Names of additional observers	Bryon Pryor
Species (Common Name)	Black bellied whistling duck
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Number of individuals	2
Observation Date and Time	10-03-2016 9:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/pa/MyEBird? cmd=list&rtype=loc&r=L494993&time=life&spp=bbwduc
County	Northampton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Walnutport
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Lehigh canal towpath
Habitat	Lehigh canal and canal towpath
Distance to bird	Stayed back about 10-15 feet
Viewing conditions	Clear morning
Optical equipment used	Iphone
Description	Standard. Pink orange bill, grey Head, chestnut brown chest, black belly
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Feeding & swimming with a group of Mallards. Both days we saw it the duck stands on the bank of the canal with its neck elongated & when you approach it it flies into the water with the group of mallards

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

We walk the canal for years now. We like to watch the birds that are there however we are not professional birdwatchers. On October 3 when walking down the towpath I observed a bird in the distance with an elongated neck standing on the bank of the canal. As we approached closer it flew into the water with the Mallard ducks that were swimming and we saw it was another species of duck. I took photos and noted it's coloring so that when I got home I could look up the variety. When we got home we were shocked to see that it was a rare species for this area and it was very exciting. I posted about the duck on my Facebook because we were excited and my friends told me I needed to report it. We just want the bird to be safe. Apparently since word got out a lot of people are going to see the duck now.

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

Yes absolutely

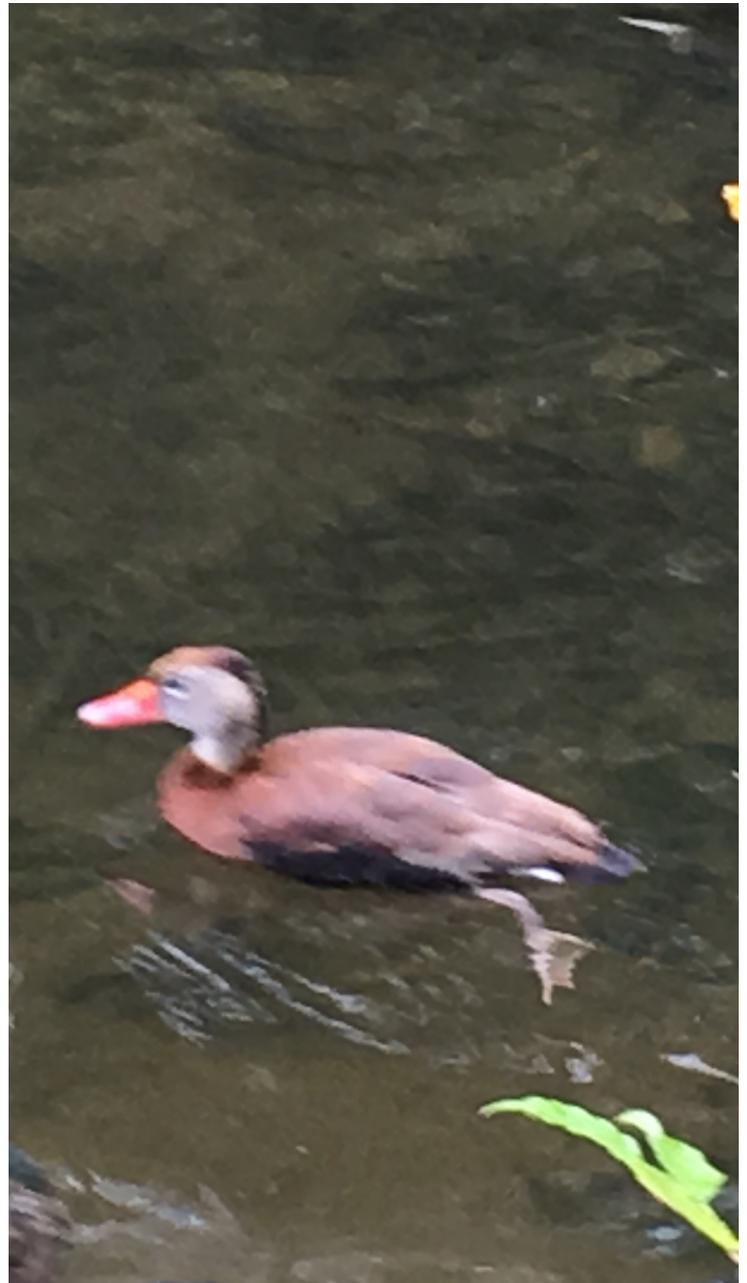
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