

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	260 North Myers Ave. Sharon PA 16146 United States
Names of additional observers	Jim Mondok
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	08-10-2018 7:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
County	Mercer
Location (City, Borough, Township)	South Pymatuning Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Shenango Lake (propagation area)
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	50 yards
Viewing conditions	Clear, warm
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch, 10x42; Canon 6D, 100-400 f4.5-5.6
Description	Nearly Mallard in size; long, pinkish legs, pinkish bill, white eye ring; bronze breast; black belly. In flight white stripe on top of wings.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Mostly perched on stump; appeared to forage in shallow water between stumps at times.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

I photographed the bird then compared it to field guides. It was unlike other ducks I am accustomed to seeing at the site and at other areas.

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

Yes. The photograph I made is corroborated by those in the field guides I consulted

After

Guide to Field Identification Birds of North America, a Golden Field Guide (Identified as Black-bellied Tree Duck); National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America, Third Edition.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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