

Long Point Bird Observatory Rare Bird Report Form

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In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be confirmed for the historical record, it must be properly documented. LPBO cooperators are therefore asked to complete a form in every case where a rarity is being claimed. Guidance as to which species are considered rare in the Long Point area may be obtained from the LPBO Program Coordinator and in the Long Point Area Checklist found in *A Birding Guide to Long Point Area*. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature.

PLEASE PRINT.

Species claimed: Common Teal (*Anas crecca crecca*)

No. of birds: 1

Age: unknown

Sex: Male

Date(s): April 8, 2012

Place: Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area

Time(s) of Observation: Between 0900 and 0910

Who first saw the bird(s): Stu Mackenzie

Who first identified it: Stu Mackenzie

Other observers (names and addresses):

Any who disagree: No

Your previous experience with the species: observed a couple of times in N. America and Europe

Your previous experience with any closely similar species: Extensive

(a) Formerly:

(b) Same day:

Species present for comparison: Green-winged Teal

Which were beside it for comparison: Green-winged Teal

Distance from observer(s): 50-100 m

How measured: Estimate

Optical aids used: 8.5x42 Swarovski EL and 18-60x Kowa scope

Weather conditions (at time of observation)

Visibility:**Cloud Cover:** 5**Lighting:** Bright**Wind direction and speed:** Light easterlies**Circumstances:**

I popped into Lee Brown on my way to work. Usual suspects were there including 9 Green-winged Teal and one that struck me as odd. The bird was not there later in the day or observed again.

Description:

Give separate description for (a) in the field (b) in the hand. Include full measurements and wing formula with hand descriptions. Include reasons for the elimination of other species.

The bird was like Green-winged Teal but with white/buffy facial stripes outlining the differential coloured regions of the face, absence of vertical white bar on side of breast, and white and black feathering in the speculum region replaced the green and buff patterns usually observed on Green-winged Teal. Flanks were lighter gray and slightly mottled when compared to the Green-winged Teal.

Did you refer to any guides/other literature: no

(a) at the time: no

(b) afterwards:

Finally, is this record 100% certain? Yes

Signed:



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