

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
REPORT FORM

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This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca crecca*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 adult ♂
3. Locality: Louisiana: LA Parish: Orleans  
Recovery Road Pond
4. Date(s) when seen: ~~12:30~~ February 4, 1996
5. Times of day when seen: 12:30
6. Reporting observer and address: Phillip Wallace  
4515 S. Prieur St., N.O., LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: None
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: None
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good; bird was east of me with sun slightly behind me
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Bushnell Spacemaster Scope 22X
11. Distance to bird: 300 yards
12. Duration of observation: 2 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific): At edge of island in water near vegetation. Much of the pond was frozen.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): Swimming with "American" Green-winged Teal; flying north east with others after 2 minutes
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):

Same size as carolinensis with which it was swimming.  
Same color and plumage pattern as male carolinensis  
except:

No vertical white stripe at the front part of the flanks.

Had a "horizontal" stripe at the border of the wing and flanks. The horizontal stripe registered at the time as cream colored like the posterior, but may

the white border to the green eye/auricular patch was clearly broader than on *carolinensis*.

I was scanning through a flock of 25-100 Green-winged Teal to check for vertical white flank/breast stripes when this bird suddenly appeared without the vertical stripe. When I quickly noticed the facial pattern and horizontal scapular scapular/flank stripe, I motioned to my son to bring the camera. When he slammed the car door, most of the teal flew away. I was unable to relocate the bird.

Although the observation was brief, the difference from *carolinensis* was unmistakable.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

*carolinensis* eliminated by absence of vertical stripe and presence of a horizontal stripe.

*nimia* is presumably eliminated by size.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?): None

19. Previous experience with this species: None with this subspecies.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation: NGS Guide

b) after observation: Madge and Burns, Waterfowl

21. This description written from: ☒ notes made during observation; ☐ notes made after observation; ☐ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter:

24. Date and time of writing this account:

Phil Wallace

March 9, 1996

9:00

Green-  
+ stripes  
or patch

Curt (W) 582 - 4286

2/4/96

Bayou Sauvage 11:00

Myiarchus sp. same as 2 weeks ago  
judging by retrices that were curved and  
pointed.

Recovery Rd Road

2 minutes.

12:30

Eurasian GW Teal ♂

500 yards

No vertical stripe

Horizontal stripe at border of wing & flank.

Cream colored, like rear.

Broader white border to rufous breast patch  
than on Am GW Teal. green eye patch

w/ GW Teal against vegetation past  
island.