

# WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

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Species: Trumpeter Swan Number: (leave blank) WVBRC 2019-6  
Location: Milton WTP Milton, WV Date: 7-10-19 Time: 7:24 PM  
Bird Seen: 7-10-19 To: Present Age/Sex: Unsure

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

Large swan with long, sloping black bill. Feathers on forehead come to a point. No yellow on lores. Girthy all-black legs and feet. Seemed to be nursing an injury on left leg.

Photos Provided

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

All white and a bit of rusty discoloration on head.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

none

Description of behavior:

Foraging on pond with a group of Canada Geese. Originally seen preening on bank of the pond.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Freshwater pond, maybe three acres in size.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

Bird was first seen clearly on bank preening. Seen at a distance of 30yds with Vortex Viper HD 10x42 binoculars. Lighting was not ideal, but the photos taken clearly show the forehead feathers coming to a point.

Previous experience with this species:

Observed many times on trips to Ottawa NWR in Lucas Co, OH.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

The bill is shaped differently than Mute Swan, lacking the black knob and orange coloration. Tundra Swan has a similar profile and bill, but smaller and lacks yellow spot <sup>near</sup> ~~the~~ eye. Have seen both species in WV recently and in other states prior.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Seen by many others since initial report.

Additional observer signature:

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Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

Sibley - has detailed descriptions and illustrations highlighting the differences between Trumpeter Swan and Tundra Swan.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

Four weeks

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