



Lehigh Valley Audubon Society

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Administrators of Upper Macungie Township:

The Lehigh Valley Audubon Society (LVAS) would like to extend a special level of thanks and gratitude for the recent brush cutting that is taking place at the Township Park at the Fogelsville Quarry. This effort will allow people from all over the Lehigh Valley and beyond to view wildlife at the Quarry in a new way, and shows a level of commitment by the Township towards Environmental Stewardship that is exemplary. A case in point is the recent sighting of a very rare type of waterfowl at the Quarry known as a Pink-footed Goose. This is a bird from eastern Greenland and Europe and this is only the second time this species has ever been recorded in the Lehigh Valley. LVAS members viewing the bird there over the last week have met and spoken with people from several states that have come to Upper Macungie Park just to view this bird. As a matter of fact, uncommon and rare waterfowl are quite often recorded here, and this location is listed in the book published by LVAS, "Birds of the Lehigh Valley and Vicinity" as one of the premier birding sites in our region. This book gives a description of the park with directions and amenities included. The importance of this site for mid-Atlantic birders cannot be overstated.

The Audubon mission is, and always has been, to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity. By providing this window into an ecosystem, Upper Macungie Township has allowed the collection of data which is crucial to the ongoing conservation efforts of countless species, and for this we are in your debt.

We look forward to a productive relationship with all the members of the Township's staff, and if we can be of assistance to you for any future reason, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again,

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society

Peter G. Saenger, President

Scott Burnet, Chairman of Habitat Development & Enhancement