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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 540 Haventree Ct City: New Hope State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18938 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	None
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Pink-footed Goose
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Anser brachyrhynchus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult, based upon the dark head and neck contrasting significantly with the paler underparts.
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	01-17-2013 3:05 PM
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	<del>Middletown Township</del> Newtown Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	On fields belonging to Shady Brook Farm, along Campus Dr. (off of Newtown Bypass, RT-332), near the parking lot for Holy Family University.
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.228415,-74.892393
<b>Habitat</b>	Harvested agricultural field.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	~ 200 feet.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Cloudy, but unobstructed.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski EL 8.5 x 42 binoculars; Nikon Fieldscope ED III A with 40-75 x zoom; Nikon Coolpix P5100 (digiscoping); Nikon D50 with 55-200 zoom.
<b>Description</b>	Slightly smaller than the Canada Geese in the same flock. The back was grayish with lighter edged coverts. The breast was pale gray with slightly

darker transverse bands. The undertail coverts were white. The tail was dark with a white rump band and a fairly wide terminal band. The head was a rich dark brown and plain, with the dark color extending down the neck in fine parallel streaks. The bill was fairly short, black with a subterminal pink band. The legs were pink. In flight, the underwings were dark, while the upper surfaces showed a lighter shade of gray on the forewing.

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

The Pink-footed was foraging with thousands of Canada Geese in the fields. When I appeared at the side of the field, all of the geese came to attention. I was able to snap few digiscoped photos until they flew, and then some camera shots as the birds flew overhead, appearing to be heading in the direction of the nearest large lake (Core Creek Park).

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Black and pink bill, brown head, pink legs are unique.

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

Yes, positive. I have seen several of these in the past couple of years.

**During**

None.

**After**

The Sibley Guide to the Birds; The Crossley ID Guide; National Geographic Birds of North America.

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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