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NA, The clipped toe indicates that the bird probably escaped from captivity.

NA, escapee.

NA, Clipped toe makes it an obvious escapee.

NA, Probably cage bird.

NA, I probably would think this an escapee or at least probably escapee even without the clipped toe. Wish we had more information on its origin.

A-E, Although a 'correct' migration schedule, clipped hind toe indicates an escapee.

Outdoor Reflections

Tens of thousands of waterfowl went north this week

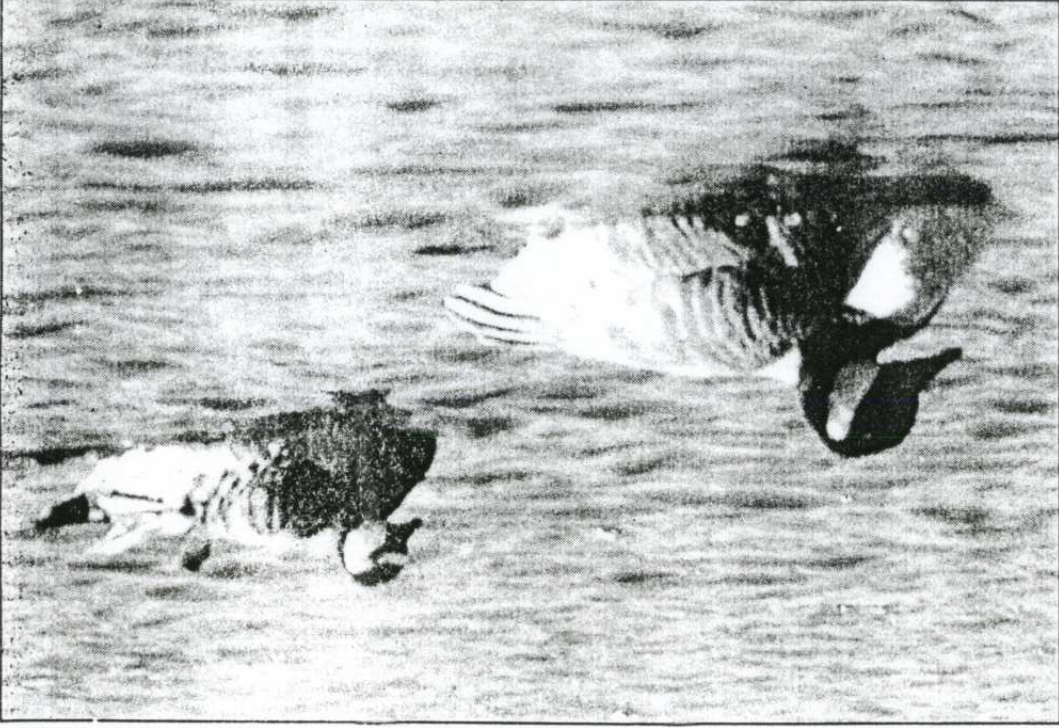


Photo by Garry Brandenburg

A lone BARNACLE GOOSE seems to be getting along just fine with many new arrivals of Canada geese at the Green Castle Recreation Area. Although this unique visitor is believed to be an escapee from a private flock due to its one hind toe being clipped off. It is still kind of nice to see a new species. Normal ranges for barnacle geese are Siberia, the northwest coast of Alaska, and areas of shoreline along Greenland.

They cooperate with federal and state agencies and conservation organizations to insure protection for wildlife and its natural habitat. Another big part of their mission is to provide education programs to acquaint the public and archers with the safe and ethical use of the bow for hunting.

The MOCB uses its wildlife salvage permit to collect certain species for use in environmental education programs. Don Henderson of Zeating prepared the latest four items. They include a river otter, a robin, a saw-whet owl, and a fox control. These errors will

happen to take up residence under your porch, in the attic, or in your garage. Larry Zack, wildlife artist, was present with several of his original art works and sketches of a new work in progress. Zack is also an active hunter and uses his field experiences to help recreate the images for his art profession.

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related recreation, including hunting and fishing. By comparison, 105 million attended major league football, basketball, hockey, and baseball games in 1991. Copies of the report may be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Publications Unit, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 130, Arlington, VA 22203 (703) 358-1711.

A very small percentage of last year's hunting take will find their way to a taxidermist's shop. Iowa has a fair number of people who specialize in the creation of life-like trophies. When they are good at their trade, the results speak well for the intricate attention to detail required to make a mount look authentic.

The taxidermist's trade also has its own convention and competition. For Iowa members, their meeting is coming up March 21-23 at the Best Western Airport Inn in Des Moines. Master, professional, and amateur divisions will let all the public can view the crafter's results on Saturday and Sunday. If you're going to be in Des Moines, sometime during that weekend, stop in to observe another art form. The MOCB uses its wildlife salvage permit to collect certain species for use in environmental education programs. Don Henderson of Zeating prepared the latest four items. They include a river otter, a robin, a saw-whet owl, and a fox control. These errors will

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WATERFOWL were on the move northward in a very big way this week's cold snap in the late afternoon. It seemed that every of geese could be seen, this week's cold snap may have temporarily integration. excellent representation Ek Marsh near Chelsea, in so doing they can spend big dollars. According to a recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) report, more than 76 million Americans spent \$18.1 billion to watch, photograph, and feed birds and other wildlife in 1991. This spending generated nearly \$40 billion in total economic activity across the country, supporting 766,000 jobs and resulting in \$3 billion in state and federal tax revenues.

According to the report, equipment and other expenditures accounted for \$10.6 billion of the \$18.1 billion in direct expenditure, and nearly a third was for off-road vehicles, tent trailers, motor homes, and pick-up trucks. Wildlife watchers spent \$7.5 billion on travel-related goods and services, 40 percent for food and drink, 35 percent for transportation, and 19 percent for lodging. Another \$2.2 billion was spent on cameras, film, and developing. The sales of wild bird feed totaled \$1.5 billion.

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March 6 and on for about
one month. (1997).

Mike Stegmann, County Conservation
employee and avid waterfowl enthusiast,
discovered it and noted how long
it stayed.

It was at a small silt pond
next to Green Castle Lake. The
silt pond had an aerator that
kept open water for the geese.
Green Castle Lake was frozen.

I don't know where it came
from or where it went when it
left Green Castle Co. Park.

Mike Stegmann has found and reported nice things to the Birdline through the years — Cinnamon Teal and Sandhill Cranes at Otter Creek Marsh, Western Grebe at Marshalltown Gravel Pit.

I got to Green Castle Park on March 6, 1997, after work ^(5:25 p.m.) and talked with the County Conservation Board Director and Naturalist. They had just seen it at the silt pond but it had taken off flying with Canada Geese going out to the fields to feed.

I waited around for some time and then took off to see if I could find it in the fields. I did see a group of 7-8 geese flying and one of them was much smaller than the Canadas. I couldn't tell for sure if it was the Barnacle Goose, but I certainly think that it was.

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when I got back to the silt pond, there was this beautiful Barnacle Goose swimming with much larger Canada Geese. I had never seen a Barnacle Goose anywhere before, and it was very pretty. It was at 6:05 p.m. that I saw the Barnacle Goose, and it was around sunset then. I was very close to the silt pond in my car and none of the geese seemed to notice me. It was a sunny, clear day. (It was mostly swimming and I did not see its feet well. Mike Stegmann saw them with a scope.) I did not take notes other than brief ones. Mike Stegmann had thought that it was an escapee.

See the Marshalltown TR article and photo written by Garry Brandenburg, County conservation board director that Tom Kent has. It was a neat bird!

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