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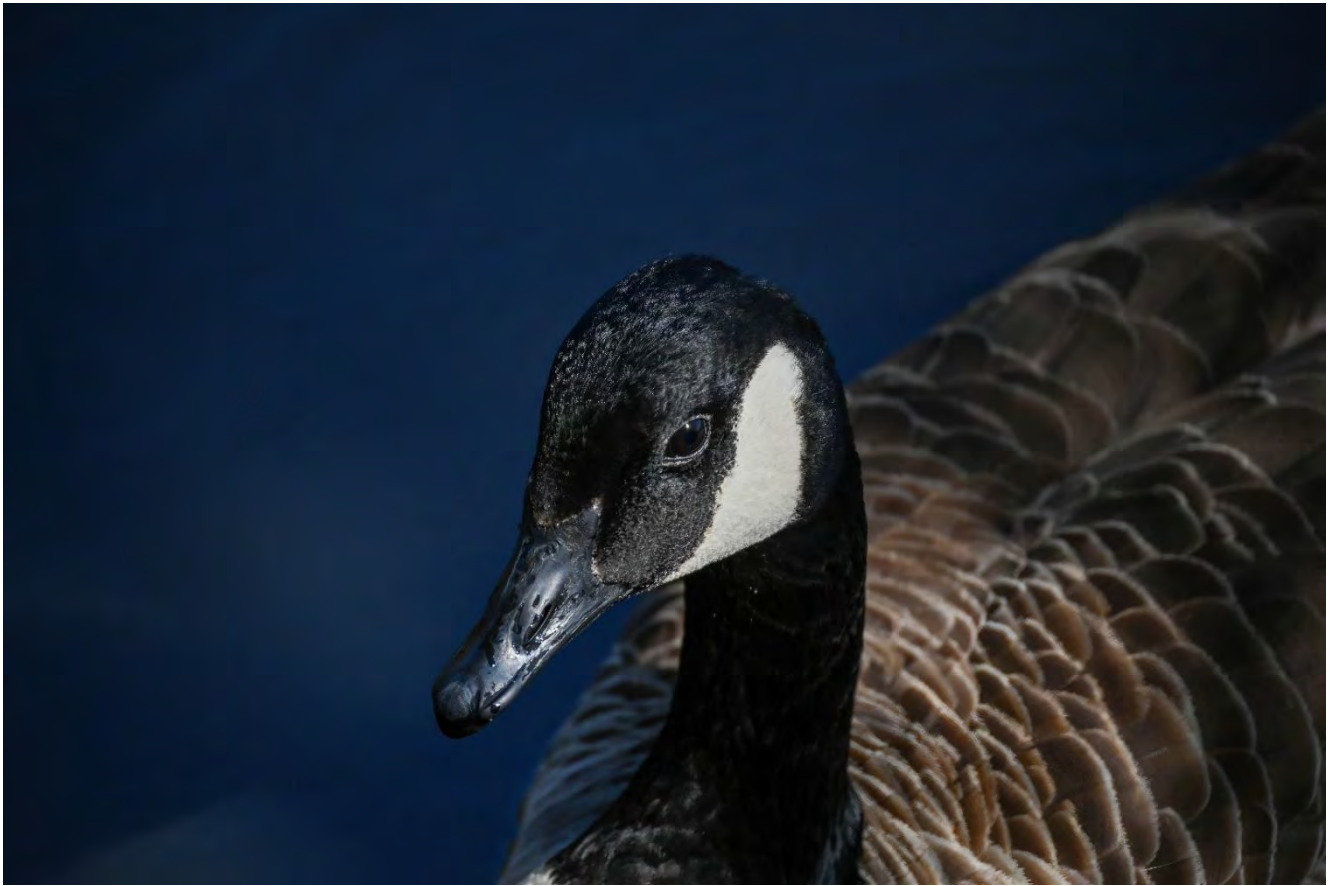
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by Rick Wright

Canada Goose



On January 22, 2024, I found a Canada goose at Clarks Pond, Bloomfield, outfitted with a yellow neck collar. I submitted a report to the USF&WS banding lab in Maryland, and was surprised to find that the bird had not been captured and marked under their auspices. The lab sent the information on to Tony Fox at Aarhus University in Denmark, and from him I learned that my Bloomfield goose had been banded 2,000 miles away, in the course of avian influenza research conducted on the upland plateau of Isunngua, immediately north of the Kangerlussuaq airport in western Greenland.

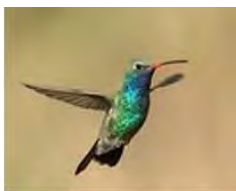


Tony writes that

from resightings and hunting recoveries, we know now that these geese winter in continental North America from Long Island to Delaware and Maryland. In the autumn, they make landfall in Newfoundland, then pass rapidly through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Maine on the way south. After passing through New England, most wind up wintering on Long Island and in nearby New Jersey, though hard winters may push them farther south and west. In spring, they make their way north along a more easterly route, stopping off south of Montreal and in the St. Lawrence to lay in fat before continuing to Greenland.

Keep watching those geese!

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Southwest Wings



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