

## **Record of flocks band of Black-bellied whistling duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Anseriformes: Anatidae) with *Dendrocygna viduata* (Linnaeus, 1766) and *Dendrocygna bicolor* (Vieillot, 1816)**

Registro de formação de bando misto de marreca-cabocla, *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Anseriformes: Anatidae) com seus congênericos *Dendrocygna viduata* (Linnaeus, 1766) e *Dendrocygna bicolor* (Vieillot, 1816)

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**Resumo** Sick menciona em sua obra “Ornitologia Brasileira” que os anatídeos são aves sociáveis que podem ocorrer em grandes concentrações, porem, menciona que bandos da espécie *Dendrocygna autumnalis* não se mesclam com irerês (*Dendrocygna viduata*) e outras marrecas. Apresentamos aqui este registro atípico e ainda desconhecido na literatura científica.

**Palavras-chave:** Anatidae, bandos mistos, registro

**Abstract** Sick mentions in your book “Ornitologia Brasileira” that the anatids are sociable birds with high number of individuals in its populations. Furthermore, also mentions that *Dendrocygna autumnalis* bird flock do not mix with white-faced whistling duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*) and others ducks. we

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**Keywords:** Anatidae, mixed flocks, record

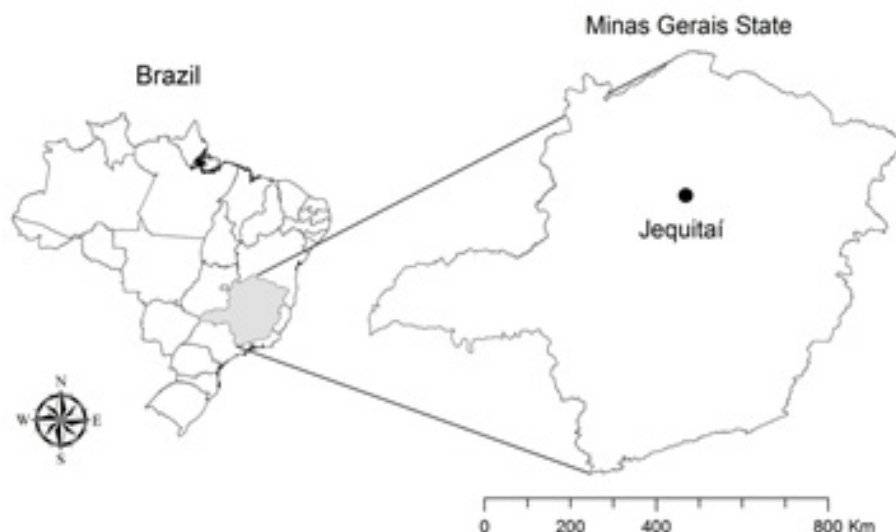
Between the 26 bird species in Anatidae from Brazil (PIACENTINI et al. 2015), it is allocated the taxon popularly known as black-bellied whistling duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis*(Linnaeus, 1758). Sick (1997) mentions in your book “*Ornitologia Brasileira*” that the anatids are sociable birds with high number of individuals in its populations. Futher more, also mentions that *D. autumnalis* bird flock do not mix with white-faced whistling duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*) and others ducks.

We aim to contribute with the knowledge of natural history, we present here a mixed band com-

posed by *Dendrocygna autumnalis*, *Dendrocygna viduata* and *Dendrocygna bicolor* (Vieillot, 1816). During the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, around 03h15 PM, we recorded and photographed a mixed flocks of anatids composed by species mentioned above, in Jequitaiá city (Figure 1), north of Minas Gerais State, southeastern Brazil (Figure 2).

The birds are foraging in a natural lake near to the edge of Jequitaiá river ( $17^{\circ}11'36.57''S/44^{\circ}28'45.66''O$ , 495m), and when detected our presence, the birds flying together in a great mixed flocks.

With the objective to contribute of the knowledge of ecology and habits of the specie, we present this atypical record still unknown in scientific literature.



**Figure 1.** Location of the municipality of Jequitaiá, north of the state of Minas Gerais, south east Brazil.



**Figure 2.** Mixed flocks composed by *Dendrocygna viduata* (left), *Dendrocygna bicolor* (center) and *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (right), Jequitaiá city, north of Minas Gerais State, Southeastern Brazil. (Photo by Aloysio S. de Moura).

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