

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

Have access to the internet? PLEASE use our online form at: coloradobirdrecords.org

Species: (Common Name) *Magnificent Frigatebird*

(Scientific Name) *Fregata magnificens*

Date(s) of observation: 11-5-2020

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: F

Plumage: Adult

Exact location: Flying over North end of John Martin dam
Later observed flying 1/2 mile west of the dam

County: Bent

Nearest town:

Hasty

Elevation: 3870'

Length of observation: 5-10 min

Time(s) of observation: 9:38 AM
14:30 PM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Janeal Thompson,
Jane Stulp & Dorothy Russell

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Sunny

Optical equipment used: Spotting scopes, binoculars, cameras

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted):

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? Yes

If so, are you submitting photos? Yes

Who took the photograph(s)? Norm A Verhoeff

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: 1 water spring

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? yes

Who took the photograph(s)? Norma Verhoeff

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:

Flying over large body of water, soaring

Describe the bird's (bird) behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, flying, feeding, habits:

Observed flying over dam 9:38

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Soaring ~ 1 mile west of dam

about 14:30

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

I noticed a fairly large black bird with pointy wings flying over the dam while I was in my vehicle talking with my son on the phone. I grabbed the camera + got a photo. finishing my call. Later, about 13:00 got a notification from Janeal Thompson of its sighting. I then realized I had taken its photo earlier.

Describe the bird's call or song:

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Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them (note: this is also an extremely important part of the report):

GBHE - knew it was not this due to color

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Ø

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

Sibley's Guide to Birds + Stokes field guide to birds

This report was made from (check one) notes made during observation notes made after observation later from memory. ✓

Date of written report: 11-25-2020

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

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Date of written report: 11-25-2020

Reporting observer: Norma Verhoeff

Signature:

Norma Verhoeff

Reporting observer's address: P.O. Box 130

City: Hasty

State: CO

Zip: 81044

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