

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Least Tern Sterna albifrons 2. Number: 2
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

3. Location: CF+J lakes, 7 miles south of Pueblo, Colo

4. Date(s): August 17, 1969 5. Time bird seen: afternoon
several minutes

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field): 2 small white terns smaller than several black terns with them were sitting on a mud bar at the edge - west side of upper lake - CF+J lakes had darker wing tips than body - some dark on head but were small and dainty terns

7. Description of voice, if heard: none

8. Description of behavior: resting on mud bar

9. Habitat - general: shallow lake
specific: short grass prairie

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: black tern different color much darker, larger

11. Distance (how measured?): estimated - probably 200 feet

12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): sunny afternoon - may have been partly cloudy but lighting good

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: none - lots of experience with Black & Turner's Terns

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? It was the first time as far as recorded in the Pueblo area

16. Other observers: Don Bowman

17. Did others agree with your identification? yes

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Don Bowman

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: characteristics were distinct enough - a field guide wasn't necessary

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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