

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

(A)

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

Species: Least Tern | Sterna albirostris  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 27 May 1978Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Unknown Plumage: AdultLocality: Red Lion Wildlife Area Elevation: ~ 4000 ftNearest town: Crook County: SedwickTime(s) observed: 1200 - 1210Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.) 10 min

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Steve Larson -Peter

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Sunny and ClearOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bushnell 10x50 Binoculars, Bush and Lomb Zoom 60 Spotting Scope

Distance, and how measured: \_\_\_\_\_

If photographed, type of equipment and film: N/A

Who else photographed the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Sitting on a mudflat at edge of water

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:

Small tern, smaller than the numerous Black Terns in the area.

Generally white with a gray mantle and Black Crest and upper Head. Bill was about head depth ~~or~~ smaller and yellowish. There was a white forehead between the bill and the Black of the upper head.

Yellow bill and White forehead were used as diagnostic marks as well as the small size.



Description, (continued)

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

N/A

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: -

Red flat and Shallow man made ponds in a state Wildlife Area.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Size, bill color and white forehead.

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

Have Seen least Terns often in California. ~~#~~

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: None

This report was written from notes made during\_\_\_\_, after\_\_\_\_ observation; from memory X.

Date and time report was written: 1500 9 Aug 1978

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