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1. Piping Plover-Charadrius melodus 2. 1
3. Lake Cheraw, Otero Co., Colorado
4. May 11-12, 1973 5. 4:30 to 4:45PM
6. While observing a snowy plover on the south end of Lake Cheraw I noticed another small white plover. The plover joined the snowy and I then noticed the black band across the breast. I then saw that it had a yellowish bill with the tip black and the light colored legs. I tried to get a photograph when it flew. That's when I observed the white rump. I compared the snowy directly with the piping.
7. No voice heard.
8. Behavior: Running and probing along the lake shore.
9. Habitat: General: Lake shore.
Specific: Alkaline lake shore.
10. Similar species: snowy plover-dark legs, black bill, no band on breast and no white rump.
Semipalmated plover-dark back, and dark rump.
11. Observed from 15 to 25 ft.-estimated
12. 7x35 binoculars and 20-45x spotting scope were used.
13. Light: Light was bad until I moved to where it was in back of me. Sky clear.
14. This was the third time I'd seen this species. Once in Colo. and Once in Kansas.
15. I had already written up a report for the one at CFB Lakes in Sept. 71 on this species.
16. No other observers
17. Yes others agreed.
18. On May 12, Dave Silverman and someone else saw the same bird.
19. I used Peterson's Western Field Guide and Birds of N. America.
20. No photos.

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