

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT
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CFO-ORC FILE #18-75-127

JR 9/26/75 Accepted

Species: Piping Plover (Vernacular Name) Charadrius melodus (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 7 Sept. 1975 Time Bird Seen: 1400 to 1415

Locality: north shore Jumbo Reservoir

Nearest Town: Crook County: Logan

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Steve Larson</u>		

Optical Equipment: 15-60 X scope, 10x50 binocs

Light Conditions: excellent backlight

Distance from Bird (how measured): 75' (guess)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: — Plumage: winter non-breeding

Overall Appearance and Size: nearly identical to Semipalmated Plover but strikingly pale

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): same or slightly stumper than Semipalmated; dark

Legs (shape and color): same as Semipalmated; yellow

Crown and Forehead: very pale gray

Eye (color): ?

Nape: H

Face: white

Throat: white

Breast and Sides: white with complete pale gray band across chest

Belly and Flanks: white

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: very pale gray

Wings: ||

Underwings: not seen

Rump: white

Uppertail Coverts: white

Upper Side of Tail: upper half white; lower half white with blackish spot in center (seen well in flight)

Under Side of Tail: not seen

Shape of Tail: rounded like Semipalmated

Voice: not heard

Behavior: typical stop and go Charadrius foraging behavior

Habitat: mudflat on shore of large prairie reservoir

Prior Experience with this Species: Twice in California; once in Colorado

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated?

Semipalmated: much too dark (this bird stood out with naked eye amid Semipalmateds foraging on same mud flat)
rump and upper tail is dark not white

Snowy Plover: bill too narrow - different shape; legs black not yellow; breast band not complete; rump and uppertail not white

This Report was Written From: Notes made during ☒ after — observation; Memory —

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