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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Piping Plover | Charadrius melodus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): April 26, 1992Number of birds seen: 2 (maybe 3) Sex: Male ?? Plumage: BreedingLocality: Nee-No-Sho Reservoir Elevation: 7880± ftNearest town: Eads (north) Lamar (south) County: KiowaTime(s) observed: 1 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3 minutes

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

None

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

None

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

Hazy sun, partly cloudy — Sun at my backOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x binocularsDistance, and how measured: 200 → 75 feet (I didn't want to scare the birds)If photographed, type of equipment and film: No

Who else photographed the bird? _____

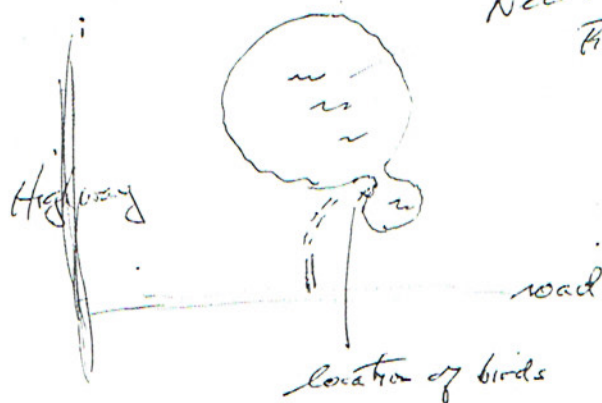
Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

I first heard the birds calling and had to walk toward the call before I could see the first bird against the white-bleached scum of the dry lake shore. ~~After~~ The birds were running and feeding (stop and go) like typical plovers. The second and possibly third bird were farther away.

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 observe in the field:

Sparrow size with long orange legs and a heavy br-colored orange + black bill. A chunky compact bird with a very pale gray back and white breast with a dark band all the way across the chest (male?) and a small dark band on the forehead.

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Description (continued):



Nec No the
Reservoir

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

A clear two-note plover-like call - The book says peep-co -
I would say chir-lee. Call given from the ground.

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

Nec-No-the is extremely low this year so there is a large area of exposed beach and mud flats. The birds were about 50-100 feet from the sandy clean shoreline in some white-bleached How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? ~~matted~~ dessicated clay. Semipalmated Plovers have dark brown backs. These birds had very light gray backs. Snowy Plovers are smaller, have black legs, and do not have a continuous black band across the breast.

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

I saw 2 Piping Plovers in this same area on May 7 1990. At this time we were hyper-protective, so I did not report the birds. I think we have been a bit extreme with protectionism so I am reporting this year.

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

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: Natural Geographic Birds of North America

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory?
Date and time report was written: May 1, 1992

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