

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific names): Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)

Date(s) of Observation: 9/1/02

Number of birds seen: one Sex: unk Plumage: probably juvenile

Exact location: Prewitt Reservoir

County: Nearest town:

Elevation:

Length of observation: 1/2 hr
observation:

Time(s) of early to mid morning

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal
Glenn Walbeck, Bob Spencer, Joe Roller

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position): good

Optical equipment used: Swarovski spotting scope 80 HD Nikon Coolpix 995 camera

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): ~100 yds

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? yes If so, are you submitting photos? yes

Who took the photograph(s)? Kent Nickell

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:

shoreline sandbar

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits:

nothing specific

remembered

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DESCRIPTION -- This is the **most important** part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

heron smaller than great blue heron
dark breast and belly with somewhat reddish neck
dark lower legs

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: not noted

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration.

lack of dark breast and light
belly of tricolored heron
reddish color of neck and dark lower legs to
contrast from little blue heron

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? no prior experience
but have seen some recently in south Texas

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your

identification (during and after observation): Sibley's

This report is from notes made from (check one) ☒ noted made during observation ☐ noted made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report:

Reporting observer: Kent Nickell

Signature:

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