

2002-73

CFO-RC FILE X:

RESULTS:

Species: Purple Gallinule (Common Name) *Porphyrio martinica* (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: August 27, 2002

Number of birds seen: one Sex: Plumage: Molting to basic

Exact location: The backyard of 1606 Leila

County: Larimer Nearest town: Loveland Elevation: 5000 feet

Length of observation: 10 minutes Time(s) of observation: 15:35 to 15:45

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Norm Erthal, Peter Gent, Rachel Hopper, Bill Schmoker and John Vanderpoel.

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): MOB

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Cloudy to partly cloudy. Sun would have been at my back.

Optical equipment used: Naked eye and Zeiss 10x40

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 10 feet to 15 feet.

Was bird(s) photographed? YES If so, have you submitted photos? YES by Rachel Hopper

Who took the photographs? MOB

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

Standing in some tall grass in the middle of a rose garden in a residential area.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): Standing in tall grass. Occasionally picking up some bugs.

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes):

The bird was a medium sized bird, with long yellow legs and large feet. The conical bill was about the length of the head width. The apical 1/3 was yellow, sharply demarcated by red on the basal 2/3, with the red fading markedly to a pale color at the base of the mandible. The base of the maxilla faded to a pale gray color, similar to that of the shield. The head, throat, neck, breast were an unmarked violet blue color. The nape and extending onto the neck were a much lighter shade of blue, very similar to the shade of the wing primaries. The mantle, scapulars and tertials were a brownish, greenish color. The tail was a blackish, violet blue color with the under tail coverts being white.

Describe bird's call or song: None heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Body color separates it from Am. Coot and C. Moorhen.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I've seen a few P. Gallinules, many Moorhens and thousands of Coots

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley, A Guide to Birds, 2000

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later X from memory

Date of written report: Aug. 29th and Sept. 2, 2002

Reporting observer: Signature: Ric Olson 9450 N. Heather Dr, Castle Rock, 80108, 303-790-7753



## Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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Date(s) of occurrence: **08/27/02 – 08/31/02**

Number of birds seen: **One**

Sex:

Plumage: **Adult**

Exact location: **1515 15<sup>th</sup> St.**

County: **Larimer**

Nearest town: **Loveland**

Elevation: **Approx. 4700 ft.**

Length of observation: **Probably a couple of hours over several days**

Time(s) of observation: **Varying daylight hours over the days. Pictures were taken on the 27<sup>th</sup> at approx. 7:30 a.m.**

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: **MOB**

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): **MOB**

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: **Variable but always dry weather.**

Optical equipment used: **Leica 8 X 42 binoculars & Leica Televid 77 Spotting Scope with 20-60 zoom**

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): **Sometimes within 2 feet.**

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? **Yes.**

If so, are you submitting photos? **Yes.**

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Who took the photograph(s)? **Me.**

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: **Backyard with native plantings & organic garden.**

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: **The bird was either resting under a bush, roosting in a spruce tree or actively feeding insects and other bugs from around the yard. It ventured a few blocks into the neighborhood on a few occasions and was found in other people's gardens within a few blocks of the Mosch house.**

DESCRIPTION -- **This is the most important part of this report.** Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. **Important Note: This bird was found and identified by Cyndi Mosch. Please see photos.**

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:

SIMILAR SPECIES – **This is another critical part of your report.** Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: **Could not be any other species.**

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? **None.**

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): **None.**

This report was made from (check one) ☒ **X** pictures taken during observation \_\_\_ notes made after observation \_\_\_ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: **01/31/2004**

Reporting observer: **Rachel Hopper**

Signature: *Rachel Hopper*

Reporting observer's address: **1721 Cottonwood Pt. Dr.**

City: **Ft. Collins**

State: **CO**

Zip: **80524**



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## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY)

SPECIES: PURPLE GALLINULE PORPHYRULA MARTINICA  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION: 27 AUGUST 2002NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: UNKNOWN PLUMAGE: ADULTEXACT LOCATION: 1515 W 17th ST, LOVELAND (CYNDI MOSCH HOUSE)COUNTY: LARIMER NEAREST TOWN: LOVELAND ELEVATION: 5000'LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: OVER AN HOUR TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: BETWEEN 2:15 & 4pm

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

BB HATHN, RACHEL HOPPER, JOHN VANDERPOEL, NORM ERTHAT, RIC OLSON, DAVE WALTMAN, INEZ PRATHER

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

MANY

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

MOSTLY SUNNY

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

10x BINOCULARS, 40x TELESCOPEDISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): MINIMUM 40'WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? YES IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS?       WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? RACHEL HOPPER, BB HATHN, DAVID WALTMAN

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

VEGETABLE PATCH IN SUBURBAN BACK YARD

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

FORAGING ACTIVELY AMONG PLANTS AND ON LAWNS; OCCASIONALLY RESTING ON ONE LEG.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE THE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

SMALL COOT SIZED AND SHAPED BIRD. DEEP PURPLE HEAD, BREAST AND BELLY.  
BRIGHT BLuish GREEN BACK, WING AND UPPER TAIL. BRIGHT WHITE UNDERTAIL COVERTS  
WHICH ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE WHEN BIRD WALKS FLICKING ITS TAIL UP AND DOWN.  
VERY LONG, BRIGHT YELLOW, LEGS AND TOES, WITH NO WEBBING BETWEEN TOES.  
RED BASE TO BILL, WITH YELLOW TIP, AND PALE BLUE FRONTAL SHIELD.  
THESE SEEMED A BIT FADED FROM FULL BREEDING PLUMAGE. DARK RED EYES.

DESCRIBE BIRD'S CALL OR SONG:

NONE HEARD.

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

COOTS & MOORHEN ARE BLACK, NO RAIL IS THIS COLOR.  
THE EURASIAN PURPLE GALLINULE (PORPHYRIO PORPHYRIO) IS LARGER,  
AND HAS RED LEGS, AND AN ALL RED BILL AND RED FRONTAL SHIELD.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

SEEN MANY OF THIS SPECIES IN SOUTH USA, CENTRAL & SOUTHERN AMERICA.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

NONE

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING ☒ OR AFTER ☐ OBSERVATION,  
OR LATER FROM MEMORY ☐.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: August 28 2002

REPORTING OBSERVER: PETER R. GENT

SIGNATURE: Peter R. Gent

OBSERVER ADDRESS:

55 S 35th St

Boulder, CO 80305.

**SEND REPORT TO:**

COLORADO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

c/o BILL LISOWSKY

2919 SILVERPLUME DR.

FT. COLLINS, CO 80526



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Rec'd 01/26/03

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD        UNUSUAL RECORD X

**Species:** Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*)

**Date:** 27 August 2002      **Number seen:** one      **Sex:** unknown      **Plumage:** adult

**Locality:** behind house in Loveland, just west of Lake Loveland, unknown address

**Elevation:** ~5,000 ft.

**Nearest town:** Loveland

**County:** Larimer

**Time observed:** sunrise

**Duration of observation:** approximately 45 minutes total

**Description:** video accompanies this report

**Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):** None heard.

**What is your prior experience with this and similarly-appearing species?** I have some experience with this species from working in Louisiana and Mississippi, as well as birding in Florida and Texas many years ago.

**Light conditions:** sunrise

**Optical equipment used:** 7x42 Zeiss binoculars

**Distance, and how estimated:** closest at 5 meters

**Other observers who saw the bird with you:** Rachel Hopper, Joe Roller, Joey Kellner, Larry Semo,

Tony Leukering, Chris Wood, Dick Schottler, and several others

Other observers who saw the bird independently: lots

If photographed, type of equipment and film: Nikon Coolpix 4500, video mode

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

Reporting observer: Doug Faulkner

Signature:



Address: Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, 14500 Lark Bunting Lane, Brighton, CO 80601

Date report was written: 21 January 2003