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Dear Mr. Riddell,

Please find enclosed one print of an alleged least bittern. The bird was observed on 3 June, 1973 and photographed at that time. Particulars are as follows:

Observers: Peter Moulton

Brian Irvine

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Burkhardt

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Chapel

all of Boulder at the time.

Photographer: Mr. Carl Chapel

Time observed: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Light: excellent

Weather: Clear, slight haze and breeze

Location: Sawhill ponds, east of Boulder

Behavior: Bird flushed from reeds at pond margin and flew across 10 ft. of open water to a small tree. It was identified by myself and after some discussion confirmed by my brother. Bird was again moved to its original hold and was closely observed by myself, my brother and Mr. Irvine. Mr. and Mrs. Chapel were alerted to its presence and managed with some difficulty to secure the enclosed print. During this process the Chapels were joined by the Burkhardts, who also confirmed the identification. Since then we have located Mr. Chapel and he graciously gave us the negatives. Copies will be tendered to Mr. Ringing and Mr. Griffiths.

Details of plumage will be left to this excellent photograph which plainly indicates all essential field marks.

Respectfully,

Peter Moulton