

Species: Louisiana Heron (Vernacular Name) Hydranassa tricolor (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): June 13, 1975 Time Bird Seen: 1310 to 1320  
 Locality: North Pond Reservoir No. 5, 2 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Wellington, Colorado.  
 Nearest Town: Wellington County: Larimer

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Dr. Alexander Cringan</u>	<u>1200 Stover, Ft. Collins Colo</u>	<u>493-9138</u>

Optical Equipment: 7 power binoculars and 20 power spotting scope  
 If photographed, type of equipment used: Photographed later by Dr. Cringan  
 Light Conditions: Good  
 Distance from bird (how measured): 50 yards; estimated

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Breeding

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird was resting along a mud flat. It was moving frequently a short distance apparently because of harassment from an Avocet which was nesting nearby.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

The bird had long legs and long neck; obviously a wading bird.

The plumage was a dark bluish grey ~~on the back~~ on the back and back of the neck with a white belly. The white extended up the front of the neck to the bill interrupted by a dark patch at the anterior end of the belly. The bill was long and slender. No particular attention was paid to the wings or the tail other than coloration of ~~the~~ wings. A slender white plume at top of head

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

No call heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

On an exposed mud flat area of a fluctuating reservoir

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Coloration only remotely resembles the Great Blue Heron. Great Blue is much larger, lighter in color and has a white head with a black plume. Louisiana more closely resembles Little Blue Heron but Little Blue has rusty head and neck and no white underparts

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

This is my first observation of the Louisiana. I have observed the Little Blue Heron in ~~the~~ Maryland ~~area~~ and the Great Blue in a variety of areas.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

The "Birds of North America" field guide was used in identification

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after ☒ observation; from memory \_\_\_\_\_

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Species: LOUISIANA HERON

Hydranassa tricolor

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 13 June 1975

Time Bird Seen: approx 3:00 to 3:30 PM

Locality: Reservoir #2

Nearest Town: Wellington

County: Lincoln

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>A. Szymczak</u>	<u>Col. Div. of Wildlife, Fort Collins</u>	<u>684-2830</u>
<u>(I was with G. A. Swanson and E. Decker after sighting had been reported by M. Szymczak)</u>		

Optical Equipment: 3x50 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: 35mm + 500 mm Canon lens + 2x extender

Light Conditions: Sunny, side to back lighted

Distance from bird (how measured): about 75 m (recollection)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage:           

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

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Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

*I saw the Louisiana Heron once previously in Florida,  
12 or 13 years ago.*

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

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