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Species: Louisiana Heron

Hydramassa tricolor

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 5-30-77

Time Bird Seen: 5:45 to 6:30

Locality: Extreme west tip of Pueblo reservoir

Nearest Town: Pueblo West

County: Pueblo

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

None

Optical Equipment: Binoculars 7x35 mm. - Sears

Light Conditions: Fair to excellent

Distance from Bird (how measured): 40' estimate (as close as 40' est.)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: x Plumage: adult

Overall Appearance and Size: 24" . A Heron with a long slender neck, long legs, thick bill.

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): Thick - light at base darker at tip.

Legs (shape and color): Long - Yellowish and darker

Crown and Forehead: Dark

Eye (color): x

Nape: Reddish

Face: Reddish

Throat: White

Breast and Sides: Reddish - Sides White

Belly and Flanks: White

Undertail Coverts: White

Back: Blue

Wings: Blue

Underwings: White

Rump: White

Uppertail Coverts: White

Upper Side of Tail: Blue

Under Side of Tail: White

Shape of Tail: A squarish stub

Voice: x

Behavior: Like Herons, walked in a dove-like fashion. The Bird was first observed standing still in a shallow marsh. Then flew in a Habitat: Very shallow swamp - Tumbleweeds - Plains Cottonwood. tree.

Prior Experience with this Species: x

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Louisiana Heron is larger than Green Heron and has a longer neck - white belly. Little Blue Heron - is smaller does not have white belly.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during x after x observation; Memory x

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