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## APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS  
FOR  
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSVOTED ~~C~~ 1. But  
(specimen confirmed  
by Biology Dept)Species: Tri Colored Heron ; Egretta tricolor  
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 11-20-87 Time Bird Seen: 4 PM to \_\_\_\_\_Locality: This bird was picked up S of Yuma Colorado  
in Yuma County by Carroll + Vickie Flemister  
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Plumage: Breeding

Light conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from bird, and how measured: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Bird had compound fracture of one wing and was in poor physical condition. It had either been shot or flew into a fence.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

It was found in a roadside ditch along Colo Hwy 59.Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):  
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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

N/A I have bird in my freezer. It will be delivered to Betsy Webb at the Denver Museum of Nat. History the next time I'm in Denver.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Prior experience with this and similar species:

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

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