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Dear CFO Records Committee,

Attached is a copy of my field notes description of an adult Olivaceous Cormorant I saw at the Red Lion Wildlife Area/ Juniper Reservoir area near Julesburg on 1 July 1983. I took the description immediately following the sighting. Later that day I informed Ronald Ryder in Fort Collins and a woman who was the temporary recipient of reports for the Rare Bird Alert that week of the bird's presence.

I have previously seen hundreds of Olivaceous Cormorants in Texas, plus small numbers in New Mexico and Arizona, as well as one in California.

Sincerely,

Paul Lehman

Olivaceous Cormorant - a breeding adult was found with ~8 Dc Cormorants at a rectangular impoundment just off main reservoir - They were all roosting together on a couple logs. The Olivaceous could immediately be picked out from the Dc's by its smaller size and slimmer overall build, with a proportionately longer and slimmer tail. The orange throat (gular) patch was a duller color than the Dc's and smaller in size, being restricted to the throat region and not extending into the lores. This orange color was bordered behind by a very distinctive white line - whose distinct shape (diagnostic) came to a point in the middle of the rear of the patch, with the point facing aft. The eye was dull blue. A thin white plume was obvious as it pointed horizontally behind from the auricular region.

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