

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORC FILE # 5-74-46

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Species: Little Blue Heron
(Vernacular Name)

Florida Caerulia
(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 12 May 1974 Time Bird Seen: 10:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Locality: upper Sinton Pond Along Sinton Road north of I-25 and Fillmore St.

Nearest Town: Colorado Springs

Country: El Paso

Other observers who identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: Bausch & Lomb 7x35 Leitz 8x40 Winston 8x30

Light Conditions: Good Sun at our backs, clear sky

Distance from Bird (how measured): 30 yd. - 60 yd. estimation

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

Overall Appearance and Size: Body size of Mallard without bulk
(three Mallards seen at same pond)

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

Bill (shape and color): Long pointed

Legs (shape and color): Lighter color than body

Crown and Forehead: Rusty Eye (color):

Nape: Rusty Face: Rusty Throat: Rusty

Breast and Sides: Blue

Belly and Flanks: Blue

Undertail Coverts:

Back: Slate Blue

Wings: Slate Blue

Underwings: Lighter Blue

Rump: Light Blue Uppertail Coverts: Slate Blue

Upper Side of Tail: Blue

Under Side of Tail:

Shape of Tail: Short - fanned when flying

Voice: -

Behavior: seen flying from right to left low over water later perched in tree above pond Flight: slow, deep beat (like raven)

Habitat: pond, tree beside pond

Prior Experience with this Species:

① and ② none, but have observed Green Heron at close range

② species seen near Boulder Colo. years ago

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? No white markings seen

Larger than Green Heron No dark crown marking

Slate blue of body & wings Reddish-brown head & neck

Long legged when perched in tree

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

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