

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT
RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORC FILE # 5-74-53

accepted JR 4/8/74

Species: Little blue Heron
(Vernacular Name)

Florida caerulea
(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 26 May 1974 Time Bird Seen: 12:15 to 1:30 PM

Locality: Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge

County: Rio Grande

Other observers who identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: Binoocular (Bushnell Custom 9x36) spotting Scope - Bushnell
Light Conditions: Excellent - Full Sun
Distance from Bird (how measured): Estimate 30 Yards - Later 75 Yards
Observed from Car - Later from Road

Number of Birds Seen: ONE Sex: Unk Plumage: Adult
Overall Appearance and Size: Slender, upright Heron approx 24 in height

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

Bill (shape and color): Short, pointed very dark bill - 2 lighter at base
Legs (shape and color): 4 Feet very dark (appear black standing & flying)
Crown and Forehead: Head & Neck - Reddish-Purple darkening over Eye (color): Not seen
Face: Throat: Shoulders

Neck and Sides:

Wings and Flanks:

Undertail Coverts:

Back:

Wings:

Underwings:

Camp:

Upper Side of Tail:

Under Side of Tail:

Shape of Tail:

Dark blue - Black appearing depending upon angle of incident light from observer
Undertail Coverts:

Voice: Not heard

Behavior: Slow, deliberate Movement & Feeding on shore or within a foot or two of shore
Sed, Rested & Flushed with small flock of Snowy Egrets [No Trees]
Habitat: Fresh water Pond - Shallow - Multiple small islands - Short rushes & mixed veg.
Prior Experience with this Species: Seen on occasion by JMW in Southern Michigan - Not previously recorded by me

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Should not be easily confused with others

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

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