

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD☐ NEW STATE RECORD☐ ACCEPTED☐ REJECTEDSpecies: LITTLE BLUE HERON

Florida caerulea

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 31, 1976Time Bird Seen: 6:10 pm to 6:20 pmLocality: 4 miles north of the Junction of I76 and Kersey Rd. on Kersey Rd.Nearest Town: HudsonCounty: Weld

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: 7x35 binoculars and 20X scopeIf photographed, type of equipment used: 35 mm Exakta with 400mm lens with 2x adaptorLight Conditions: very good, with sun at an angle to the leftDistance from bird (how measured): 300 feet as measured on my lens.Number of Birds Seen: 2 Sex: ? Plumage: Adult breeding

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Sitting in a dead tree over a drainage ditch with two snowy egrets.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Refer to photographs, inclosed.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

No call

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Drainage ditch with some little water running from a usually dry reservoir. The ditch ran through high weedy fields and farmlands.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Only this species has the plumage as brought out in the photo.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Very familiar with this species, having observed it many times in Florida and Texas.
Also observed and photographed once before in Colorado

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

None needed

This report was written from notes made during _____ after 3 observation; from memory _____

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