

☒ NAME ON CROSSBOW RECORD☐ NEW STATE RECORD☒ ACCEPTED☐ REJECTED *JK 7/27/77*Species: Little Blue Heron  
(Vernacular Name)Florida caerulea  
(Scientific Name-use binomial)Date(s): 26 April 77 20 May 77 Time Bird Seen: 27 Apr - 1600 20 May - 1200Locality: Becker Draw Gun ClubNearest Town: LA Salle County: Weld

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

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TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: Bushnell 8x40 binoculars, Bausch & Lomb 20X spotting scope

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: part on 27 Apr, fine on 20 May

Distance from bird (how measured):

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: - Plumage: adultDescribe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: 27 April - standing motionless in the mud of a drawn-down pond20 May - flying in company of two snowy egrets, then landed in & perched with them in a Russian olive along the shoreDescribe 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:Size - approximately that of a snowy egret, as determined when both were seen flying togetherShape - flight altitude same as the snowy egrets  
- standing and perched with neck bent in "S-shaped" curvePlumage - back & wings & underparts - dark slate blue  
- head & neck - couldn't determine much of a difference between these parts and the above mentioned regions. Head & neck plumage was smooth, not shaggy.Other parts - bill - somewhat bluish & tipped with black, and definitely not flesh-colored  
- legs - didn't note the color, but in general, where dark.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc: *— none heard*

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird: *pond-marsh type habitat*

How were similarly appearing species eliminated? *I felt the only other species it might be was the reddish egret. I eliminated it primarily on the basis of feeding behavior, bill coloration, and texture of head and neck plumage.*

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: *— have not seen this or similarly appearing species previously*

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?  
*— Not having seen this or similar species before, books & illustrations necessarily served as the basis for my decision.*

This report was written from notes made during ☒ after ☒ observation; from memory ☐

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