

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☒UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: LITTLE BLUE HERON 1 FLORIDA CAERULEA  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 6/5/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Ad Plumage: Latilong: 21 Distribution Code: N Habitat Code: LLocality: SOUTH NEE NOSH RESERVOIR Elevation: Nearest town: LAMAR County: KIOWATime(s) observed: 14:30 - 14:35Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 MINUTES

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

DUANE NELSON 1619 FORD ST. GOLDEN 80401 277-9748

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

~~JERRY~~ NONE

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

LIGHT (FULL SUN) DIRECTLY OVER BIRDOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): LEITZ 8x40Distance and how measured: 150 FT. (ESTIMATED)If photographed, type of equipment and film: N/AWho else photographed the bird: N/A

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

THE BIRD FLEW ALONG THE SHORE, LANDED IN FRONT OF US, THEN MOVED ON.

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

A HERON THE SAME SIZE AS A SNOWY EGRET. PLUMAGE ON HEAD & NECK WAS MAROON/BROWN GRADING INTO SLATE/BLUE MANTLE, BACK



Description (continued): BELLY, FLANKS, AND CHEST. THE BILL  
WAS PALE PROXIMALLY WITH A DARK DISTAL  $\frac{1}{3}$ . I DID  
NOT NOTE LEG COLOR. THE COMBINATION OF THE BILL COLOR  
PATTERN, SIZE OF THE BIRD, AND NON-WHITE BELLY CINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

N/A

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

ALONG THE SANDY SHORE OF NEE NOSHE RESERVOIR.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

GREAT BLUE HERON - BY SIZE, TRICOLORED HERON - LACK OF  
WHITE BELLY

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

HUNDREDS OF SIGHTING IN SOUTHCENTRAL OKLAHOMA.

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification: NO BOOKS. DUANE NELSON AND I AGREED.  
IN THE FIELD.

a) At time of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

b) After observation: \_\_\_\_\_

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation \_\_\_\_\_, from memory X

Date and time report was written: 11/9/91 14:20

Reporting observer: MIKE CARTER Signature: Michael Carter

Address: 13401 PICCADILLY BLVD, CO 80601

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Species: Little Blue Heron / Florida caerules  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 6/5 + 6/6/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: - Plumage: adultLatilong: 21 Distribution Code:  Habitat Code: Locality: NOE NOSHE RES, South Sdc Elevation: 3900'Nearest town: Eads County: KiowaTime(s) observed: 2:30 pm on 6/5, several times in AM on 6/6Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 minutes totalOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): Mike CarterJennifer Slater (CDOW)

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Bryant Will (CDOW), Chuck Loeffler (CDOW)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

IN FULL SUNOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x40 Bushnell CustomDistance and how measured: 120 feetIf photographed, type of equipment and film: photo tried, too distantWho else photographed the bird: NO ONE

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Flew in from West landed close to us, quickly left + flew over a mile across lake. Very wary, always flew when approached.

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

Known as heron by large size, long legs, long neck, dagger-like bill, shape, habitat.Close in size to Snowy Egret, but not directly comparable.This heron was all dark on first glance, with a dark



Description (continued): belly. It was very thin, with a long neck,  
and a 2-toned bill, blue at the base. The head and neck, with  
glare magnification, were rust or maroon, but the back + belly  
were a deep blue. The legs were dark, not yellow

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery,  
(i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

none

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

along the lakeshore of a large prairie reservoir.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Great Blue - ~~is~~ much larger, pale belly, patterned face, Tricolored similar  
in size, but white on belly. Reddish Egret closest but shaggier, paler head, pink base  
of bill.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Have seen all N.A. herons

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how  
this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: Talked with Mike Carter while observing

b) After observation: Geographic

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after  
observation \_\_\_\_\_, from memory ☒

Date and time report was written: 2/28/91

Reporting observer: Duane Nelson Signature: Duane Nelson

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