

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. *Egretta caerulea*
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): April 24, 1990Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Unknown Plumage: AdultLatilong: 6 Distribution Code: Acc Habitat Code: W/00Locality: Jackson Reservoir Elevation: 4400'Nearest town: ~~East~~ Goodrich County: MorganTime(s) observed: 10:00am - 11:30amDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 minutes over several
observed + 10 min

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

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

Unknown

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

Seen at 10:00-11:30 sun to south and east, bird directly west.Cloudy to partly cloudy
Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): B&L Discoverer 15-60 zoom @ 30 power.Distance and how measured: 300 yds. estimatedIf photographed, type of equipment and film: NoneWho else photographed the bird: —

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

Feeding from shallow water along shore

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:

Dark blue body, purplish-red head and neck, pale gray bill with dark tip, dark eye and legs, blue facial skin

Description (continued): smaller significantly than nearby
great blue heron, body size similar to
adjacent California gulls.

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:

Feeding along shore of Jackson Reservoir. Also perched
in dead tree.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Only other similar species is dark phase reddish egret.
Bill color is pink with black tip.

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

Have seen adult in Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Virginia
from as close as 50 feet.

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

a) At time of observation: _____

b) After observation: National Geographic observation of eye incorrect
error probably due to distance and light

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

Date and time report was written: 10/15/90

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