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COBirders: Please send rare bird forms to Bill Lisowsky (address below). The _Field Notes_ editor, would also like a copy, if possible.

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: _____

Species: Cackling Goose Race of Canada goose
Branta canadensis minima
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: 3/19/99 - at least 5/26/99

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: Did not capture, therefore undeterminable by plumage

Plumage: Adult

Exact location: Chat Field Arboretum of Denver Botanic Gardens - Jefferson County, Colorado

Elevation: 5,500

County: Jefferson

Nearest town: Littleton

Middle Pond of Wetland Mitigation Ponds

Length of Observation: 3/19/99 - 1/2 hour, 3/22/99 - 1/2 hour, 4/17/99 - 1 hour, 4/27/99 - 20 min, 5/26/99 - 10 min

Time(s) of Observation: 8:30am, 3:30pm, 11:00am - 12:00pm, 11:30am - 11:50am, 10:30-10:40am

Other observers who saw the bird with you: 3/19/99 - Elise Van Erp, Jackie Sanderson - Arboretum Naturalist & Bird Class, 3/22 - By myself, 4/17/99 - with Jeff Herzog, Ann Sutcliffe and Zuhlers on DFO Field trip, 4/22 - Tuesday Birders - 10

* Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): That I know of: David Haliberte, J.B. Hayes, Larry Norris, Bob Spencer, Hugh Kingway, B.B. Hahn and numerous Tuesday Birders, Jeff Herzog, Bill Berington, Juan Berington

Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s) position]:

Excellent - light often from behind observers looking at bird with direct lighting

Optical equipment used: I used 20 power Bushnell 50mm spotting scope, 7x35 Bushnell Binoculars and 400 mm lens on Pentax camera

Distance from bird (estimated unless otherwise noted): Anywhere from 25' to 50 yards

Was the bird photographed? Yes, by myself, Jeff Herzog and Bill Berington all using long lens cameras & color film

If so, have you submitted photos?

Yes

Who took the photographs?

Photos are labeled as to who took them

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Riparian, wetland mitigation pond
Agricultural setting along Deer Creek

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

* 5/26/99 - Elise Van Erp & Neil Swains

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Describe the bird in detail: This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the (bird(s)). Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, etc. That were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted: you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes): *See added page.*

Describe the bird's song and calls if heard: *Most witnesses heard the "Cackling" vocalization of larger Canada geese. Cackling very high pitch. It did it several times again since I played Soda tape.*
 Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: *Smallest of small Canada because Mallard size. Only dark small race when I played Soda tape.*

* What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: *None. Last time seen in CO-1949 I wasn't here*

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): *Peterson Western Guide, Geographic (not good), Talked with Jack Buddell at length, studied his comparison in Hawk Bunting. He discussed Kortwright's Ducks, base sum of NA Plate #2 with me.*
 This report was made from notes taken during ☒ or after ☐ observation, or later from memory ☐.

Reporting observer: *Ann Bonnell*Signature: *Ann E Bonnell*

to my knowledge:

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*One Official**Record Colorado**Last recorded in**Colorado 1949 N of**CO Springs early April.**Collected 4/15/1949*

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* Larry Norris who has done a lot of research with this bird in California West Coast talked with me and actually went out and verified that it was minima because of small size and overall dark color. Larry L. Norris - Southwest Research Coordinator - National Park Service / Intermountain Region (303) 969-2267 (ext) (Fax) (303) 969-2644.

* David Laberte took a number of books along and determined minima (see email)

* J. B. Hayes - Top notch bird I.D. person I.D'd it as minima. He even compared it with some small races probably hutchinsoni at the Littleton Historical Museum on same day. (303) 798-9683(hm)

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

Species: CAACKLING CANADA GOOSE Branta canadensis minima
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Recd 10/20/99
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(2 slides)Date(s) of observation: 10 APRIL 1999Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: _____Exact location: Middle Pond at Chatfield ArboretumCounty: Jefferson Nearest town: _____ Elevation: ≈ 5600' (5,600')Length of observation: 30 min Times(s) of observation: 1000-1030 hrsOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): Ann Bonnell and othersLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): 360° BIRD WAS ON ISLAND IN PONDOptical equipment used: 10x Bush-LambDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): Varied 50-100 metersWas bird photographed? Yes If so, have you submitted photographs? Yes (slide)Who took the photographs? Larry NoraisDescribe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Island in freshwater pond

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Resting beside a Mallard. Excellent size comparison. PHOTOGRAPHED.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes): MALLARD SIZE, AS EVIDENCED IN PHOTOS. "SMALL HEAD AND BILL. NARROW WHITE RING AT BASE OF DARK NECK. DARK BREAST FEATHERS." - FROM MY FIELD NOTES. LOOKS LIKE A MINUTURE WESTERN CANADA GOOSE.

Describe bird's call or song: Silent

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: RICHARDSON'S GOOSE (B. c. hutchinsi) IS LARGER AND HAS LIGHTER BREAST FEATHERS BELOW THE BLACK NECK. I WOULD EXPECT hutchinsi AS BEING MORE LIKELY IN COLORADO VICE minima.

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

I HAVE OBSERVED AND PHOTOGRAPHED minima IN CALIFORNIA, AND AM FAMILIAR WITH hutchinsi FROM THE WEST COAST.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

I CONSULTED KORTRIGHT - THE DUCKS, GOOSE AND SWANS OF NORTH AMERICA AFTER THE OBSERVATION TO CHECK ON WHICH SP. HAS THE WHITE NECK RING OR COLLAR.

This report was made from notes made during ☒ or after ☐ observation, or later from memory ☐Date of written report: 17 OCT 99Reporting observer: LARRY L. NORAIS Signature: Larry L. Norais PH: 303-980-6212Observer's address: 1154 SOUTH VANCOUVER WAY LAKEWOOD COLO 80228-3656

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Canada Goose (Cackling)
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