

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

American

1. Species: Golden Plover Pluvialis dominica 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

3. Location: South of C&D Lake, 7 miles south of Pueblo, Colo

4. Date(s): September 18, 1971 5. Time bird seen: p.m. probably 4 p.m.

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field): medium sized plover - fall plumage - brownish tint to speckled back appeared smaller and browner than Black Bellied Plovers I had seen - no wing stripe - dark rump and tail notes Black Bellied Plover
It was feeding in a wet grassy area with 100 or more Killdeer which made it obvious - It wasn't nervous and it stayed feeding and walking while I observed it well

7. Description of voice, if heard: none heard

8. Description of behavior: similar to the Killdeer with which it was feeding - I suppose, typical Plover behavior - running + standing

9. Habitat - general: short grass prairie
specific: near shallow fresh water lake shore line

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: Black Bellied Plover - larger gray on back and white rump patch

11. Distance (how measured?): estimated - probably 50 feet or so

12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): Cloudy, gray after a storm, no visible sun - I can remember but

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: the light was good
No experience with Golden - I have observed Black Bellied Plover in spring

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? It had not been recorded in the Pueblo area before

16. Other observers:

David Silverman I called him and he went out and

17. Did others agree with your identification? the bird was still there

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

David Silverman

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Pictorial Checklist of Birds of Colorado - Barby + Neidrach - A Field Guide to Western Birds - R.T. Peterson Birds of North America by Golden Press - Robbins, Bruun + Zimm

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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