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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

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

Species: Whistling SwanOlor columbianus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): 19 Dec 1982Number of birds seen: 1Sex: ?Plumage: AdultLocality: Sawhill Ponds/Walden PondElevation: Nearest town: BoulderCounty: BoulderTime(s) observed: 0820-08401030-1045Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 35 min. total

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

Steve + Diane Welton 4500 17th St. #630, Boulder 80302, 443-4486

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

Don Casey 5190 Tabor St. Lakewood 80033 423-9220Greg Books

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

Slight sun behind observerOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 134L 15-60 scope asst binocularsDistance, and how measured: 70m at first 20m later estimateIf photographed, type of equipment and film: NoWho else photographed the bird?

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

Resting, & sleeping, several head erect alert postures

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 observe in the field:

Large white swan with small yellow face patch.Somewhat curved bill. Head & Bill proportionately smaller than expected in trumpeter.

Description (continued):

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:

ice on 4 hectare pond

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

small yellow face, proportionately smaller head & bill eliminate other Swans

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

extensive throughout west North & Canada.

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

a) at time of observation:

NONE

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation _____ from memory _____
Date and time report was written: 11 Jan 1997 2715

Reporting observer: Charles Chace III Signature: Charles Chace III

Address: Denver Museum Natural History

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