

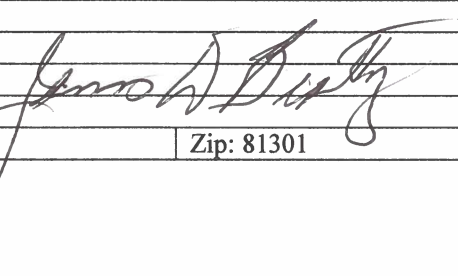
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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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RESULTS:		
Species: (Common Name) Tundra Swan		(Scientific Name) Cygnus columbianus
Date(s) of occurrence: November 7, 2002		
Number of birds seen: Three (3)	Sex: Adult pair and one immature	Plumage: Two adults; one immature
Exact location: East end of Martin Lake in Lathrop State Park.		
County: Huerfano	Nearest town: Walsenberg	Elevation: Unknown
Length of observation: About ten minutes	Time(s) of observation: About 1 pm.	
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Birds were recorded in Park Visitor Center, but I don't know who first saw them.		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Full sun with the sun to left and slightly behind birds. I was to the east of the birds.		
Optical equipment used: B&L Elite 10x40 and Kowa 823 with 20-60x eyepiece.		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): About 150-200 yards		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? No	If so, are you submitting photos? N/A	
Who took the photograph(s)? N/A		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: There were in a fairly shallow end of the lake and swimming slowly. They were not feeding.		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Swimming slowly in the water; not feeding; not sleeping or resting.		
DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. There were three large, white, long-necked water birds that where obviously swans. Two were in full white adult plumage and one was the dirty white of an immature. One of the adults had a small, bright yellow lore. The second adult did not have this feature. The bills of the adults had rounded borders where they joined the forehead and the black of the bills extended to the eye in a relatively wide angle. The immature was similar in overall shape, but the body, neck and head color was a dingy white or light gray. The bill was almost entirely a dingy pink. Legs of all birds were not observed.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Not heard		
SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Trumpeter Swan was eliminated by the general shape of the bill and the yellow lore on one adult. Also, Trumpeter Swans always appear to me have a longer, straight necked appearance and a more sloped and extended bill and forehead than these birds had.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen both species many times, although I have more experience with the Tundra Swan.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide to the Birds.		
This report was made from (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> later from memory.		
Date and time of written report: April 1, 2003 at 3:00pm		
Reporting observer: James D. Beatty	Signature: 	
Reporting observer's address: 165 Twelve Point Buck Trail		
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<p>Send report to: Colorado Bird Records Committee Tony Leukering PO Box 660 Brighton, CO 80601</p>		