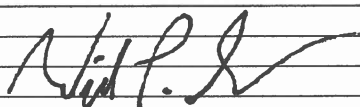


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**Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**  
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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CBRC FILE #:		
RESULTS:		
Species: (Common Name) Tundra Swan	(Scientific Name) Cygnus columbianus	
Date(s) of occurrence: 13 Nov 03		
Number of birds seen: 1	Sex: ?	Plumage: Adult
Exact location: Boulder Reservoir (NW bay)		
County: Boulder	Nearest town: Boulder	Elevation: 5173'
Length of observation: about 20 min	Time(s) of observation: about 4:30- 4:50 pm	
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Chris Wood & Brian Gibbons found and reported the bird from earlier in the day.		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Good light fading fast as evening came on.		
Optical equipment used: Kowa TSN 824 + 32X WA		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): About 200 meters at closest		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? No	If so, are you submitting photos?	
Who took the photograph(s)?		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Large (by Front Range standards) water storage lake surrounded by open space.		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The bird was swimming around fairly steadily, in and out of the NW bay of the lake. It was frequently vocalizing as it swam. I didn't see the bird feed or rest during the time of my observation. I also didn't observe any interaction with other birds.		
DESCRIPTION – Large white waterfowl. Long neck and bill profile narrowed bird down to swan group. Didn't appear as large as other white N.A. swans, and neck posture and thickness were almost goose-like. Bill black, with profile slightly "dished", and dark lores pinched off very thin in front of the eye (noticeably thinner than iris.) Cheek/bill junction appeared distinctly curved near gape. Bird vocalizations consistent with Tundra Swan. Only hitch: yellow on lores not observed by me.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Bird was frequently giving a little call note with a nice tonal quality, kind of like the "klooo" described by Sibley. The call notes on the "Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs (Eastern Region)" CD match the calls I heard well.		
SIMILAR SPECIES – Mute Swan much larger, has an orange bill. Trumpeter Swan also larger, but more importantly has straighter bill profile, tends to hold its neck in a curved posture. Lores of Trumpeter Swan appear thicker where they meet the eye. Call of Trumpeter swan has a different quality and tone than the call I heard and compared on CDs.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I've seen lots of TRUS and a few TUSW.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide to Birds, Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs (Eastern Region), Bird Songs of the Rocky Mountain States and Provinces		
This report was made from notes made during observation.		
Date and time of written report: 8 Jan 04		
Reporting observer: William P Schmoker	Signature: 	
Reporting observer's address: 3381 Larkspur Dr.		
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