

## Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

CBRC FILE #: <b>2004-18</b>		<b>ACCEPTED</b>
<b>RESULTS:</b>		
Species: (Common Name) <b>Tundra Swan</b>		(Scientific Name) <b>Cygnus columbianus</b>
Date(s) of occurrence: <b>03/31/04</b>		
Number of birds seen: <b>Four</b>	Sex:	Plumage: <b>Juvenile</b>
Exact location: <b>Cobb Lake</b>		
County: <b>Larimer</b>	Nearest town: <b>Ft. Collins</b>	Elevation: <b>~5016 ft.</b>
Length of observation: <b>45 minutes</b>		Time(s) of observation: <b>4:00 pm</b>
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: <b>George Hopper</b>		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): <b>Justin Dee</b>		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: <b>Slightly overcast with some wind.</b>		
Optical equipment used: <b>Swarovski EL 8 X 42 and Leica Televid 77 APO Scope with 20-60X zoom.</b>		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): <b>Difficult to estimate. ~300 feet (?)</b>		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? <b>Yes.</b>		If so, are you submitting photos? <b>Yes. <u>Pics\TUSW RH.jpg</u>, <u>Pics\TUSW2 RH.jpg</u>, <u>Pics\TUSW3 RH.jpg</u>, <u>Pics\TUSW4 RH.jpg</u></b>
Who took the photograph(s)? <b>Digiscoped by me.</b>		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: <b>Large irrigation reservoir.</b>		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: <b>Standing and sleeping on bank of reservoir. Later swimming and feeding near shore.</b>		
DESCRIPTION -- <b>This is the most important part of this report.</b> Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. <i><b>Justin Dee found these swans but could not identify them to species due to their extreme distance from him. He posted to COBirds for help so George and I went to Cobb Lake. We looked at and photographed the swans from several different points around the lake. I identified them as Tundra Swans. Please see photo.</b></i>		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:		
SIMILAR SPECIES -- <b>This is another critical part of your report.</b> Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: <b>Please see photos.</b>		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? <b>I have seen several Tundra Swans.</b>		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): <b>National Geo.</b>		
This report was made from (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>photos and notes made during observation</b>		
Date and time of written report: <b>04/10/04</b>		
Reporting observer: <b>Rachel Hopper</b>		Signature: <b>Rachel Hopper</b>
Reporting observer's address: <b>1721 Cottonwood Pt. Dr.</b>		
City: <b>Ft. Collins</b>	State: <b>CO</b>	Zip: <b>80524</b>

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Photos by Rachel Hopper





