

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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NEW STATE RECORD ☒UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: TRICOLORED HERON
(Vernacular Name)1 EGRETTA TRICOLOR
(Scientific Name)Date(s): MAY 1994Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: ? Plumage: ADULTLatilong: 25 Distribution Code: R Habitat Code: ADPARIATLocality: SPAN LUIS LAKE STATE Elevation: 8,500'
WILDLIFE AREANearest town: MOSCA, CO County: ALAMOSATime(s) observed: ABOUT 4:00 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 SECONDS

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

LISA DEMOSS, (SAME AS ON THIS FORM)

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

JOHN KOSHAK, SLL STATE PARK MYR. / HOBIE DIXON, ADAMS STATE COLLEGE

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

SUNNY, LIGHT BEHIND OBSERVERS.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): PENTAX 400 MM LENSDistance and how measured: EST 100'If photographed, type of equipment and film: PENTAX 400 MM LENSWho else photographed the bird: UNKNOWN

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

WADING, THEN FLEW

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 observed in the field:

Smaller than Great Blue heron; HERON LIKE, LONG LEGS, NECK,
BLUEISH COLORED BACK, NECK BLUE ON BACK SIDE; SLENDER

Description (continued): APPEARING BIRD. TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST,
I WAS TOO BUSY TRYING TO PHOTOGRAPH IT, THAT I HAD NO TIME
TO VIEW ALL DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES. BIRD FLEW AFTER 2-3
EXPOSURES. PLEASE VIEW/REVIEW PHOTO. THANKS.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NO SONG HEARD

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

LAKE SHORE, WADING

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Great Blue heron much larger, Little blue heron + reddish
egret have RUSTY REDDISH HEADS WITH NO WHITE ON THROAT + NECK.

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

HAVE SEEN THIS SPECIES ON TEXAS COAST.

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

a) At time of observation: _____

b) After observation: MANY MOONS AFTER. JUST GOT THE ROLE OF
FILM DEVELOPED.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____, from memory _____

Date and time report was written: FEB 1995

Reporting observer: JOHN J. RAWINSKI

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All reports will be maintained permanently at the address below:

Return to: CURATOR, DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS
 DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
 CITY PARK
 DENVER, CO 80205

P.S. I am hoping that others who saw this bird submitted
 Rare Bird Report. But if not, this bird was too important to
 miss. Thanks. JJR.

