

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: yellow crowned NIGHT-HERON/ NYCTICORAX VIOLACEUS  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 6/17/89Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: ADULTLatilong: 24 7 Distribution Code:  Habitat Code: MSLocality: TAMARACK RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA Elevation: Nearest town: CROOK County: LOGANTime(s) observed: LATE MORNINGDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15-20 MINUTES

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

clear skies. light e my back.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): PENTAX 7X BINOCES.; CELESTRON 25X scDistance and how measured: 30-50 feet. ESTIM.If photographed, type of equipment and film: CANON A1 w/ VIVITAR 70-210 lens  
KODACHROME 64 filmWho else photographed the bird: NONE

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

STANDING STILL.

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:

my field notes are pretty sparse due toseveral slides being taken. any description i'd

Description (continued): GIVE WOULD BE FROM MEMORY ALTHOUGH  
I DO REMEMBER THE SIGHTING WELL. AN ADULT Y.C. NIGHT-  
HERON IS UNMISTAKABLE. SEE ATTACHED <sup>PRINT</sup> SLIDE FOR VERIFICATION  
IT'S NOT GREAT BUT IS IDENTIFIABLE.

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

SILENT

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

ALONG SIDE A MARSHY SLOUGH 200 YARDS WEST OF  
PARKING AREA 5. IMMOBILE FOR WHOLE OBSERVATION.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

HEAD PATTERN & BODY COLORING ELIMINATE BLACK-CROWNED -  
NIGHT-HERON.

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

1ST COLORADO SIGHTING. SAW MANY IN OKLAHOMA DURING  
1988.

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how  
this influenced your identification: NO INFLUENCE.

a) At time of observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE.

b) After observation: POPE

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

Date and time report was written: 1/29/91

Reporting observer: MARK NIKAS Signature: MJ Nikas

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