

CBRC FILE #: <u>2003-91</u>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">A</div>
RESULTS:		
Species: (Common Name) Trumpeter Swan		(Scientific Name) Cygnus buccinator
Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)		
<i>rec'd 12/19/03</i>		
<i>Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!</i>		
Date(s) of occurrence: 11-30-03		
Number of birds seen: 3-4	Sex: ?	Plumage: 3 adults + 1 probable immature
Exact location: Lake Maria		
County: Huerfano	Nearest town: Walsenburg	Elevation: 6000 feet
Length of observation: 1 hour		Time(s) of observation: 7-8 AM
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Many observers have subsequently seen these birds including David Elwonger, Brandon Percival, and Randy Siebert		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Birds were northwest of observer in good light		
Optical equipment used: 10-60 zoom lens Swift Scope		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 200 yards		
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: Prairie lake about 1/2 by 1/4 mile in size with few nearby trees, a few cattail marshes and nearby residences.		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: These birds fed during most of my observation by roiling water with paddling feet before submerging necks and heads to feed. They occasionally and briefly swam from one nearby location to another, which is when I got my best looks at them.		
DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. 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. These birds were larger with longer necks than nearby Tundra Swans. They were solidly white plumaged with solid black bills, eyes, feet and legs. Bills had straight culmens and front of eye almost completely merged with lores. Bridge of bill was "V" shaped in contrast to more broad "U" shape of nearby Tundras. The probable immature Trumpeter I briefly saw was light smoky gray with very little pink mostly centered in a bill with black base. It was larger than the Tundras of which a couple of immatures had much shorter necks and nearly all pinkish bills. The probable immature Trumpeter was concealed by cattails during most of my observation but I did get a brief 20 second look at the whole bird.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:		
SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Nearby Tundra Swans were smaller with shorter necks giving them a more gooselike profile. The eyes of adult Tundras were much more separated from their lores minutely joined to front of eye at a small point. Adult Tundras bills had more inwardly decurved culmens and gapes than the Trumpeter Swans.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen many Trumpeter & Tundra Swans in several states.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley GUIDE TO BIRDS(2000) & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, 3 rd edition confirmed my initial identifications		
This report was made from (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during observation <input type="checkbox"/> notes made after observation <input type="checkbox"/> later from memory.		
Date and time of written report: 12-16-03 10 AM		
Reporting observer: David Silverman	Signature: <i>David Silverman</i>	
Reporting observer's address: P.O. Box 362		
City: Rye	State: CO	Zip: 81069
Send report to: Colorado Bird Records Committee Tony Leukering PO Box 660 Brighton, CO 80601		

Comment: On 11-30-03 there were up to eleven Swans at Lake Maria 7-8 AM. The 3-4 Trumpeters described above + 4 Tundras (2 adults + 2 immatures) and 3 Swans too far to I.D. Dave Silverman