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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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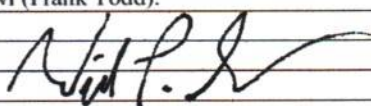
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RESULTS:		
Species:(Common Name) <b>Trumpeter Swan</b>	(Scientific Name) <i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	
Date(s) of occurrence: 11 Dec 2003 (still present 5 Jan 2004)		
Number of birds seen: 4	Sex: ?	Plumage: 3 Adult basic, 1 Juvenile
Exact location: Fentress Lake @ Neva & Fairways Dr., Lake Valley Subdivision		
County: Boulder	Nearest town: Boulder	Elevation: ~5360 feet
Length of observation: 4 visits approx. 1/2 hour each		Time(s) of observation: Varied afternoon times
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Chris Wood (11 Dec 03)		
Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): Many observers		
Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Fair-good		
Optical equipment used: Kowa TSN 823 w/ 32X W.A. eyepiece, Nikon Coolpix 4500, Nikon D100 +80-400 VR		
Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): At closest, birds were about 70 meters away.		
Was bird(s) photographed? Yes	If so, have you submitted photos? yes	
Who took the photographs? Bill Schmoker		
Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Suburban water storage reservoir.		
Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): Feeding & resting behaviors observed.		
Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes): As mentioned in my 12/31/2002 TRUS report: Very large swans- classic TRUS profiles observed, bill junction "V" and straight cheek/bill edge noted, narrow lores...		
Describe bird's call or song: Not heard.		
Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: To quote 12/31/2002 TRUS report: "The only birds this large and white are pelicans and swans. Bill shape and proportions rule out pelicans. The extremely large size, shape of the bill, fairly straight border line between the bill and face feathers, and "V" pattern at the top border of the bill eliminates Tundra Swan. Adult and 1 <sup>st</sup> winter mute swans don't have black bills."		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Lots of TRUS, some TUSW		
List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): After observation I consulted The Sibley Guide to Birds and Natural History of the Waterfowl (Frank Todd).		
This report is from photos.		
Date of written report: 7 Jan 04		
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Photo 11 Dec 03  
Fentress Lake



Photo 5 Jan 04  
Fentress Lake (3<sup>rd</sup> adult out of frame but still present at lake.)

