

APPENDIX IIDOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

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Species: RED PHALAROPE ; Phalaropus fulicarius
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 27 APRIL 1979 Time Bird Seen: 1400 to 1415Locality : T. 1 N., R. 97 W., Sec. 35 - LITTLE HILLS FOOT POND
NEEKER, RIO BLANCO, COLORADO
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: NONEIf photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: N.A.Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♀ Plumage: BREEDINGLight conditions: EXCELLENT, SUNNY W/ SCATTERED CLOUDSDistance from bird, and how measured: 25 YARDS - ESTIMATE

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

TYPICAL PHALAROPE BEHAVIOR - BILL DABBING, BODY ROBBING, & SPINNING WHILE FEEDING.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

SMALL SPRING FED POND WITH FAIRLY DENSE AQUATIC GROWTH

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

NONE

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

SIZE - SMALLER THAN THE TWO WILSON'S PHALAROPES IT WAS WITH.
ESTIMATED LENGTH 7".

SHAPE - SIMILAR TO SANDPIPER, BUT W/ LONGER NECK.

PLUMAGE - BACK - MOTTLED BROWN; SIDE OF HEAD WHITE; BREAST & BELLY BRICK RED;
WHITE WING BAR.

BILL - SHORTER & LARGER IN DIAMETER THAN ON A WILSON'S, LIGHT IN COLOR.

TAIL - BRICK RED IN COLOR

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--
i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - THE BIRD I OBSERVED WAS SMALLER, DID NOT HAVE A
WHITE CHEST & BELLY, NOR THE DARK EYE STRIPE OR RED NECK STRIPES
ON THE SIDES.

NORTHERN PHALAROPE - THE BIRD I OBSERVED DID NOT HAVE A
WHITE THROAT PATCH OR WHITE BELLY.

Prior experience with this and similar species: I HAVE PREVIOUSLY
OBSERVED BOTH THE WILSON'S & NORTHERN PHALAROPE. THIS
WAS THE FIRST RED PHALAROPE I HAVE IDENTIFIED &
OBSERVED.

This report was written from notes made during _____ after X observation;
from memory X _____.

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