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## BRADDO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Red Phalarope 1 Phalaropus Fulicaria  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: — Plumage: WinterLocality: Jackson Dam Elevation: not sureNearest town: Orchard County: MORGANTime(s) observed: Sept. 14, 1987Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 minutes

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

JACK Reddall Englewood, Co.JOE Himmel 14th St, Greeley, Co 80632 (303-352-0288)

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

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

OVERCAST Day, just after a rainfall, upslope condition.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X35 binoculars 20X ScopeDistance, and how measured: 50 feet (guess)

If photographed, type of equipment and film: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else photographed the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Feeding along the edges of the lake occasionally going out in the water 5 to 10'. Spinning about some but not as much as I've seen other Phalarope species do.

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 observe in the field:

Certainly a phalarope for sure. It had a dark line through the eye and on the back of the head as well as a cap extending to just in front of the eye. Otherwise white on the head neck ~~and~~ all the



Description (continued):

way around. Uniform blue-gray color on its back a few dark streaks on the back were actually feather edges. White underneath and bill all black, chunky looking especially near the base and rather short. This bird had a rather thick-necked look.

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

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

Mudflats along the edge of the lake and out in the water a short distance.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Red-necked Phalarope - slightly smaller not as thick-necked and back dark gray with ~~a~~ streaking. ALSO bill is more needle-like and longer.

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

I've seen hundreds of Red-necked Phalaropes and one other winter plumaged Red.

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

a) at time of observation: Geographic field guide to the birds

b) after observation: the same 'also Audubon winter bird <sup>finder</sup>

This report was written from reports made during Sept. 15, 1987, after observation from me

Date and time report was written: Sept. 15, 1987

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