

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: Red Phalarope / Phalaropus fulicaria
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 5/31/90, 6/3/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♀ Plumage: alternate (bright breeding)Latilong: 20 Distribution Code: _____ Habitat Code: _____Locality: Blue Lake (Adobe Creek Res) Elevation: 4200'Nearest town: Ft Lyon County: Kiowa/BentTime(s) observed: about 3 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): on and off for an hour on 5/31,
2 different times (pm and dusk)Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): on 6/3Alone on 5/31, with Mark Janas on 6/3 10 Sedum St
Pueblo, CO 81001

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):

both in bright sun and at duskOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x Bushnell Custom Bushnell 20x ScopeDistance and how measured: 40 yards minimumIf photographed, type of equipment and film: photo did not turn outWho else photographed the bird: None

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

saw well in flight, foraging on shore, and swimming

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:

Initially saw with a flock of 50 white-rumped sandpipers in flight,
It's red throat, breast, belly and undertail coverts and silvery underwings

Description (continued): stuck out like a sore thumb. It was very slightly
larger, and its body looked plumper. When they landed, the sandpipers landed on
land, and it landed nearby in water. Its bill was yellow, with a black
tip. It had a nearly circular patch of white on face, with a very
narrow black line connecting to bill. Its black eye was prominent. Back was darker, with pale

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

could not separate any different calls out of flocks of White-rumped.

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

Along edge of huge prairie res. Same place both days seen.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

swimming & circling indicated Phalarope. Red on complete
underparts eliminated both others.

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

one ♀ seen in July 1988 at Prospect Valley in Weld County,
CO.

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

a) At time of observation: Geographic

b) After observation: Geographic

This report was written from reports made during V ^{including} sketches after observation _____, from memory _____

Date and time report was written: 2/26/91

Reporting observer: Duane Nelson

Signature: Duane Nelson

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DOCUMENTATION OF LATILONG PAPE BIRD SIGHTING
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

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Species: Red Phalarope
(Vernacular name)

Phalaropus fulicarius
(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.

Date (s): 4 June 1990 Time Bird Seen: ~ 8:00 pm to ~ 8:20 pm ^(estimated)

Locality: Blue Lake (Adobe Creek Res.)
Las Animas, Colorado
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Nikon 9x30 binocs.; Kowa 20x scope

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♀ Plumage: breeding

Light conditions: Bad; dusk (nearly dark)

Distance from bird, and how measured: From 75 feet to 200 yds.

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Flocked with White-rumped Sandpipers. Fed at lake edge, floating in water. Flew up & across land, also out over water before circling and landing back at point. When landing, extending wings up.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Plains reservoir; lake edge.

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

Dwayne Duane Nelson

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.

Small, plump shorebird with an erect neck in profile, about 8" long. Bill, rather short, for a phalarope, and thick. Undersides deep red overall. White face patch. In flight bird was dark red (body) and white (underwing). Poor light did not let me see any other features.

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

Not noted.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Small plump bird with short heavy bill, red below with white underwing & face patch eliminate all other shorebirds.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I've seen Red Knot in breeding plumage, Red-necked and Wilson's Phalaropes (breeding & non-breeding). I've only seen non-breeding Red Phalaropes.

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

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