

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT  
 RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD  NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORG FILE NO. 8-78-2  
 ACCEPTED  REJECTED RA-518-78

Species: European Wigeon (Vernacular Name) Anas penelope (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): Spring, 1967 Apr 8 Time Bird Seen: — AM to —  
Locality: Nelson Reservoir, 2 mi. East and 7 mi. South of Ft. Collins  
Nearest Town: Ft. Collins County: Larimer

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 7x50 Binoculars and 20x spotting scope  
If photographed, type of equipment used: —  
Light Conditions: good  
Distance from bird (how measured): 100 yds (estimated)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: breeding

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: sitting on open water with a group of American Wigeon

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Same size as an American Wigeon. Head was chestnut w/ buffy crown

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

None heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

on small pond

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Looks like American wigeon but had chestnut head w/buffy crown

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

observed many American Wigeon. This was my first  
observation of European Wigeon

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Field guide to Western Birds

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_ after \_\_\_ observation; from memory \_\_\_

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