

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

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

Species: Eurasian Wigeon | 1 Anas penelope  
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): April 18, 1985

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: Summer

Locality: Behrens Lake, Weld County Elevation: 4,700'

Nearest town: LASALLE, COLORADO. County: WELD

Time(s) observed: 4:30 P.M.

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):  
none

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):  
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Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):  
Sun was at my back, out fully, good lighting.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 power binoculars

Distance, and how measured: 50 feet (guess or estimate)

Was it photographed, type of equipment and film: none

Was anyone else photographed the bird? none

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):  
Typical dabbling duck behavior feeding with Mallards, American Wigeons.

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:

Reddish-brown head with buffy-yellow forehead and cap. Breast color pinkish color, gray back and sides, white wing patch was evident but not obvious. Bill blue with a dark tip. Rump was white then turning black to the end of tail. Overall easily told by the reddish-brown head and buffy forehead and cap.

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

NONE given.

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

open lake. This was a rather small lake. 100 yds by 100 yds.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

American Wigeon - White crown, green on side of head.

Redhead - All red head, black breast, gray back, different shape.

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

I have seen Eurasian Wigeon 2 times in Ohio and one other time in Colorado, a male seen 4 miles from Behrens Lake on 5/8/83.

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

NONE consulted.

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during , after observation  from memory   
Date and time report was written: April 18, 1985

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