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## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD 

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

Species: Eurasian Wigeon | Anas penelope  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MARCH 16, 1986Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: adult/summerLocality: CARBODY Lake Elevation: 4,700'Nearest town: Greeley County: WELDTime(s) observed: 10:45 AM to 11:20 AM and 2:30 to 3:00 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 35 minutes & 30 minutes

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

Dorothy Hill 27th Street, Greeley Co. 80631 330-9695

Norma Erickson Camp Park Rd, Greeley Co 80632 356-0400

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):

Sun was mostly overhead, excellent lighting.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 Binoculars, 20X spotting scopeDistance, and how measured: 300 yards (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):

It was a loner, feeding and moving in and out of several different species of ducks. First with American wigeon, then mallards, pintails and gadwalls.

First seen near the shoreline and then walked up onto the bank and fed in the grass.

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:

Size of American wigeon. Reddish head with yellowish-cream color on the forehead. It had a pinkish breast, gray back and sides. It had a white speculum which was very noticeable and easy to

## Description (continued):

see. The undertail coverts were black with a white patch blending into the gray sides. Even at 300 yards the bill could be made out, mostly blue with a dark tip.

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

None heard

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

Carbody Lake is a rather small lake, 500 yards by 300 yards. It was observed close to the grassy shore and was seen in the grass on the shore. How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

American Wigeon has white on top of head, green eye patch and the rest of head is gray, pinkish breast and sides. Very different.

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

I've seen 3 before this one in the united states.

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

a) at time of observation: National Geographic Society Field Guide to the Birds of North America.

b) after observation: None

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation  from me.  
Date and time report was written: March 16, 1986

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