

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 23, 26 1987Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: ADULTLocality: CARBODY LAKE Elevation: 4,700'Nearest town: Greeley County: WELDTime(s) observed: 6:00 P.M. on the 23rd and 4:20 P.M. on the 26thDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 minutes on the 23rd and 20Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
minutes on the 26thNONE

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

Joe Himmel found this bird and called me - 1900 14th Avenue, Greeley, Co. 80633

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

(303) 352-0288
Poor conditions on the 23rd, very windy and cloudy. Brilliant sunshine on the 26th saw to my back.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 20X telescopeDistance, and how measured: 75 YARDS guess as relative to football field.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):

Swimming along the shore line on the 23rd with American Wigeon. On the 26th seen walking about on the grassy areas near the water and seen with mallards. Twice it flapped its wings open as to fly.

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:

Description here is for MARCH 26 sighting. —Size of American Wigeon. Noticed right away was the reddish brown on the sides of the head and also the back of the head. It had a creamy yellow crown and forehead. It had large white upper wing

Description (continued):

patches, the axillaries were grayish. It had gray sides and a gray back. Undertail coverts were black.

It had a dull blue bill with a dark tip and a dark eye. The breast color was a pinkish cast.

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:

Shoreline area

grassy open field near shoreline

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

American Wigeon - It has a white crown and forehead a green stripe from the back of the head to the eye. It has pinkish sides, some on the back, no red on the head. It has white axillaries.

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

I've seen thousand of American wigeon and this is my 6th north American sighting of Eurasian wigeon.

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 Birds of North America.

b) after observation:

NONE

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation from
Date and time report was written: MARCH 26, 1987

Reporting observer: JERRY CAIRO Signature: Jerry Cairo

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