

COLORADO BIRD ATLAS
VERIFICATION FORM

8-93-91

Species: Eurasian Wigeon (Common Name) Anas penelope (Scientific) ACCEPTED

For Atlas Office Use	Topo Map--Name
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Tech Cm	--Number Lat Long # Lat/Long
Atl Off	--Sector SE SW CE CW NE NW

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, for research projects like the Atlas, a written description for unusual species is essential. The final atlas project must have a solid basis, and for unusual records, we require written documentation. By providing the verifying written description you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method. The Atlas Technical Committee will review the report and approve it for inclusion in the Atlas database.

This form will perpetuate your record for examination by others in the future. The Atlas requires this of every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date(s): 4-4 thru 4-11/13 Time seen 8:00 AM to 7:30 pm

Locality Home lake

Nearest town & county Monte Vista, CO Rio Grande County

Number seen	Gender	Age	Plumage	Photos
1	Males <u>1</u>	Adults <u>1</u>	Breeding <u>X</u> Transition	Yes/No <u>yes</u>
	Females	Juv/Imm	Eclipse Dark phase	Avail.
	Imm/O	2/3 yr	Winter Light phase	Encl <u>yes</u>
	Unk	Unk	Other	

Distance from bird(s) 200-400 yds Light conditions part to good Notes made: At time of sighting

Optical Equip binoculars, spotting scope, 1000mm camera After observation from memory see below

Describe Habitat

Small, shallow lake very weedy but no cover

Atlas Breeding Code Overall behavior: Did it interact with any other birds? Describe.

In conversation with other viewers, it was agreed that the bird tended to be a loner. Two instances were noted where the bird extended his head low to the water, in what appeared to be an aggressive nature, at some approaching ducks, but then turned away and no other such action was noted.

... color, shape, bill, etc. Describe any unique features this bird had.

Bright rust colored head with an off white to yellow crown and white flanks.

What song or sounds did it make?

Did not hear any

Field marks not seen. Why not?

Variation from expected field marks

None

List similar species. Why and how did you eliminate them?

American wigeon - grey head + white crown

Red head - darker body, black chest, no crown

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I first saw this kind of duck in the Spring 1991 at the same location. I did not make a formal report but made a special effort in Spring & fall to look for him. I did not see him in 1992.

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EUR. WIGEN 4/4-11/93

Home Lake Co

Alan Crookers



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Eurasian Wigeon

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