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Colorado Field Ornithologists--Sight Record Form

Species: Eurasian Widgeon (*Anas penelope*)

Birds sighted: 1 adult male.

Time: 2:40-2:50 p.m. March 29, 1993

Location: Fruitgrower's Reservoir in Hart's Basin 1 mile east of Eckert, CO. Delta County. Latilong 16.

Status: Second county record and first Latilong 16 record.

Setting: Several hundred ducks were on the reservoir, mostly Mallards and Ringnecks. Perhaps as many as twenty five or thirty American Widgeons. The Eurasian Widgeon was associating with these perhaps 150 yards out. The air was calm, and the sun was high and 30 degrees to the right of my line of sight. I watched the bird for about 10 minutes through a 15x60 spotting scope.

Behavior: The bird was swimming liesurely and resting with other ducks.

Description: A gray bodied duck with a black rump bordered by a vertical white bar. Breast soft purplish color. Head reddish with a creamy-golden crown and forehead.

Vocalizations: None

Habitat: Open water.

Similar Species: None. No other bird has this combination of marks.

Experience: None. This was a life list bird for me.

Books consulted: National Geographic and Peterson field guides after the observation.

Other observers: None. Ron Lambeth tried to find the bird the following day without success.

Report: Prepared from notes taken at the time of the observation.

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