

CFO-RC FILE # 1997-15

**COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM**

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

Species: **Eurasian Wigeon**
(Common Name)

Anas penelope
(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of Occurrence: **January 3, 1997 through April 10, 1997**

Number of birds seen: **1** Sex: **M** Plumage: **Adult**

Exact Location: **Various ponds in Ft Collins area, including Edora Park and City Park Lake**
County: **Larimer** Nearest town: **Ft. Collins** Elevation: **5200'**

Length of observation: **varies** Time(s) of observations: **varies**
(This bird remained for so long, it was seen numerous times, at all times of day)

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): **Dave Leatherman, Ft. Collins, John F. Barber, Ft Collins; Joe Mammoser, Ft Collins, Dave Ely, Ft Collins and many other birders.**

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light:)
Open shade to sunlit conditions; **both frontlit and backlit views**

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): **10X42 B/L Elite Binoculars; 80X Questar scope**

Distance, and how measured: **30 feet at closest; estimated**

Was the bird photographed? **Yes** If so, have photos been submitted? **Yes**

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: **Small ponds, with running water or ice-free; Grassy slopes or park lawns.**

Describe the birds behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): **Always in company of American Wigeons. Would sleep on ice, feed on grassy slopes and flat areas in parks; often sat in water amid flock of ducks and geese.**

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 observed in the field: **Waterfowl. Body size was identical to American Wigeon which it associated with. Head was reddish-brown with pale buff pate; body sides were pale grayish, with white stripe running parallel to body; tail dark, belly white. Legs dark. Bill darkish without obvious markings. Breast light brown.**

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): **None heard**

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

This species is unique. There was never any other doubt or possible similar species considered. The American Wigeon with which it associated have brownish bodies, green in face of males, gray heads and whitish pate. Teal have reddish heads but are much smaller and differently marked.

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

I have seen this species 10 other times.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): **None needed.**

This report was written from reports made during _____ after observation from memory

Date of written report: **December 21, 1997**

Reporting observer: **Bill Lisowsky**

Signature: 

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