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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form*(this is a two page report-click at the bottom for page 2)*

CFO-RC FILE X: _____

RESULTS: _____

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific name): EURASIAN WIGEON

Date(s) of Observation: MARCH 2nd, 2001 *Anas penelope*

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: Alternate

Exact location: City Park Pond on Mulberry Drive in Fort Collins

County: LARIMER Nearest town: FT. COLLINS Elevation: ~5,000 ft.

Length of observation: ~5 minutes Time(s) of observation: 8:00 am

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position): Excellent; Early morning sun coming from East. I was south of the bird, looking North

Optical equipment used: Leica 10x42

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): ~100 meters

Was bird(s) photographed? No If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs? —

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: The bird was in an urban park pond which was ~75% frozen.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): The bird was essentially loafing on the water, not feeding, but it turned around several times allowing looks from all angles.

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Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size

and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes): *see attached sheet*

Describe birds call or song: *None heard*

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: *A group of AMWI were near by allowing for comparison. They had distinctive white crown patches and dark ~~tear-drop~~ ^{tear-drop} shaped orbital areas contrasting with the gray sides of their head & ~~dark~~ neck. The bird in question had reddish-brown sides of the head and a buffy crown patch and a gray body.*

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? *Seen 100's, if not 1,000's, of AMWI. I have see EUWI in captivity*

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): *Used Nat'l Geo during observation, which helped confirm the identity of the bird.*

This report is from notes made during ___ or after ___ observation, or later from memory

Date of written report: *March 7, 2001*

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Eurasian Wigeon description

The bird was swimming in a group with a few mallards, and appeared considerably smaller than them. It was the typical size and shape of an American Wigeon, but I immediately noticed the light tan forehead/crown patch contrasting with the reddish-brown sides of the head, and the lack of a dark, tear-drop shaped eye patch, which gives the head of the American Wigeon (in my opinion) that distinct, bi-colored look. While still at the site, I looked up Eurasian Wigeon in my National Geographic field guide and then re-found the bird, and confirmed that the bird I was seeing had a gray body, black rump, rufous sides to the head, and a light tan forehead and crown.

On the same pond was a group of American Wigeon, approximately 150 m away from where I stood. The males' bright white crown patches and the dark orbital areas contrasting with the gray sides of their heads, were immediately obvious on these birds. I again looked at the original bird I had found, and re-confirmed that this bird was not an American Wigeon. Again, what was especially distinctive to me was the reddish-brown sides of the head, the contrasting buffy forehead patch, and the gray body.