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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): 21 March 2002

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: adult

Locality: Pond on east side of US287 just n of US50 Elevation: 3650'

Nearest town: Wiley County: Prowers

Time(s) observed: 3 pm

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Janeal Thompson  
704 Willow Valley Drive, Lamar 81052 719/336-9658

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

Nobody (B. Percival tried on 22 March but bird not present)

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

Good - light behind me

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Kowa 60X scope

Distance, and how measured: ~100 yards

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 in very shallow water at edge of pond, and standing on shore at water's edge.

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:

Typical dabbling duck in size, very similar to American wigeon in this respect. Head rusty red with yellowish forehead. Bill pale gray-blue with black tip. Breast pink. Back and flanks gray. White patch on wing. Primary's black. Tail black. Undertail area at rear of flanks was white. Feet dark.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:  
Shallow, small pond, with apparent rich  
food base of small fish and aquatic plants.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?  
Head alone was diagnostic. Pale golden forehead  
and pink breast unlike Redhead or Common  
Pochard or Canvasback.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?  
I have seen about 10 Eurasian wigeon in California  
and Colorado. I have seen thousands of redhead  
Canvasback, Am wigeon. I have photographed pochards.  
List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this in-  
fluenced your identification: at Denver Zoo

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation  from memory \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and time report was written: \_\_\_\_\_

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