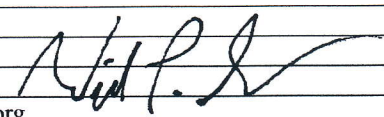


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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

CBRC FILE #:		
RESULTS:		
Species: (Common Name) Trumpeter Swan		(Scientific Name) <i>Cygnus buccinator</i>
Date(s) of occurrence: 14 November 2004		
Number of birds seen: 1	Sex: ?	Plumage: Adult
Exact location: Cattail Pond, Loveland		
County: Larimer	Nearest town: Loveland	Elevation: 5046 ft.
Length of observation: About 15 minutes		Time(s) of observation: approx. 12:00-12:15 pm
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Tony Leukering, Jim Schmoker, Maggie Boswell, Tom Delaney		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Found by Cole Wild 9 Nov.		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position): Overcast skies, even lighting on the bird.		
Optical equipment used: Leica APO-Televid 77 + 32X WW + Nikon Coolpix 4500		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): About 100 meters		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes		If so, are you submitting photos? Yes
Who took the photograph(s)? Bill Schmoker		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Small lake surrounded by subdivisions and open space.		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The bird was feeding by tipping and preening during our observation.		
DESCRIPTION – Very large white waterfowl- obviously a swan. Very long neck. Big black bill, black lores tapering to width of eye. Black eye. All other plumage white. Minimal staining on head and neck.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Not heard.		
SIMILAR SPECIES – Definitely a swan- pelicans have completely different bills and no other N.A. waterfowl is this big and white- not even domestic geese. Hatch-year swans aren't this clean white. Adult Mute Swans have orange bills. The large size of the bird looked good for TRUS, although this can be tough to judge. Adult Tundra Swans would likely show at least some yellow in the lores. Additionally, TUSW lores should taper in more in front of the eye than seen in this bird. Also, Fairly straight bill profile is typical of TRSW- TUSW appears more concave. Additionally, the face/bill border of this bird is pretty straight, lacking the bend near the gape seen on TUSW. Finally, the border angle between the top of the bill and the forehead is fairly acute and deep, more typical of adult TRSWs. The same border on TUSWs adults tends to be more gently curved.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I've seen many (a few hundred) TRSWs and a fair number (a few dozen?) of TUSWs.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): The Sibley Guide to Birds		
This report was made from: Photos of the bird and notes taken after observation.		
Date and time of written report: 15 Nov. 2004		Signature: 
Reporting observer: William P Schmoker		
Reporting observer's address: 3381 Larkspur Dr. Longmont, CO 80503 email: bill@schmoker.org		

Photos 14 November 2004, Long Pond, Loveland.

