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Dear Mr. Kingery,

Inclosed are some pictures of a Reddish Egret taken on April 22, 1993 in Eads County, Neeskah Reservoir. I understand that this is a rather unusual sighting for Colorado.

I have seen many Reddish Egrets along the Texas Gulf Coast. This one seemed small and thin. But as I watched it fished actively (see photo). Although the picture isn't the greatest I enclosed one as the Egret passed behind a Long-billed Curlew for size comparison. The bill was pink with a black tip, as can be seen in the photos. I also observed the shaggy neck and a couple of long nuptial plumes down the back. I observed the bird for probably about an hour, during which time I returned to my car for my camera and took these and several other pictures.

Unfortunately, I was alone when I saw this bird, so have no other witnesses to the sighting.

If you wish to contact me, you may do so at the above address. You may use the pictures any way you choose.

Good birding,


Thomas E. Kihn