

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

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

Species: BROWN PELICAN / Pelecanus occidentalis
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 6-3-91Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: ADULT - BREEDINGLatilong: 4 (+5?) Distribution Code: Habitat Code: LLocality: UNION RESERVOIR Elevation: APPROX. 4900'Nearest town: LONGMONT County: WELDTime(s) observed: 1840 - 2000Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): OFF & ON 1 HR & 20 MIN.

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

INEZ PRATHER, 13810 WELD CTY RD 1, LONGMONT, CO 80504

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

BILL PRATHER, (same as above)

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

OBSERVED FROM 1 HR BEFORE SUNSET UNTIL DUSK FROM ALL ANGLES.
PARTLY CLOUDY. 65°.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 25X CELESTRON SCOPE; 8.5X BINOCDistance and how measured: 80 - 500 YDS. ESTIMATED.If photographed, type of equipment and film: CANON A-1, VIVITAR 210MM LENS,
KODACHROME 64Who else photographed the bird: ?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

OBSERVED IN FLIGHT (NO DIVING OBSERVED), AND AT REST IN WATER
AND ON SHORE.

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:

THIS BIRD WAS OBVIOUSLY A PELICAN WITH ITS ENORMOUS
GRAYISH BILL AND DARKER GRAY POUCH. THIS WAS AN ADULT, BREEDING

Description (continued): plumaged bird as evidenced by its rich red-

BROWN NAPE AND WINDNECK. THE FOREHEAD, CROWN, FACE AND A STRIPE
ALONG SIDE NECK WERE ALL CREAMY WHITE. NO YELLOW WAS VISIBLE ON
THESE PARTS EVEN AT THE CLOSEST VIEWS. ALL OF UPERSIDES WERE GRAY W-
FINE DARK VERTICAL STRIEMS ON THE BACK VISIBLE AT CLOSE RANGE.

IN FLIGHT THE PRIMARIES & SECONDARIES WERE NOTICEABLY DARKER THAN
BACK & FLANKS. SEE ENCLOSED SLIDE.

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

SILENT.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

OPEN LAKE.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

WHITE PELICAN IS WHITE.

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

OBSEVED HUNDREDS OF BROWN PELICANS OVER SEVERAL
AUTUMN SEASONS IN OREGON.

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BIRD GD. - USED ONLY TO DOUBLE
CHECK FOR IRREGULAR
FIELD MARKS.

b) After observation: None

This report was written from reports made during ✓, after observation , from memory

Date and time report was written: 8-2-91

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