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Species: Piping Plover
 (Vernacular Name)

Charadrius melodus
 (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 9-21-74

Time Bird Seen: 12:00 Noon to 12:15 PM

Locality: Dye Reservoir

Nearest Town: Rocky Ford

County: Otero

Other observers who identified this bird:

Dave Griffiths NAME

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TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: 20 X Bushnell Scope

Light Conditions: Sun Overhead no clouds on shore

Distance from Bird (how measured): 50 yd estimate

Number of Birds Seen: 1

Sex:

Plumage: non-breeding

Overall Appearance and Size: Bird size - approx size of Semipalmated Plover - 5.0 inches

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): smaller tip, constricted in middle, acute tip - black

Legs (shape and color): yellow-orange color

Crown and Forehead: Sparsely - pale brown Forehead: white Eye (color):

Nape: Face: mostly white, eye ring Throat: white

Breast and Sides: white - incomplete breast ring confined to shoulders

Belly and Flanks: white

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: pale brown

Wings: dark primaries light stripe along wing overall pale brown

Underwings:

Rump: white

Uppertail Coverts:

Upper Side of Tail: black

Under Side of Tail:

Shape of Tail: short rounded

Voice: not heard

Behavior: run + stop run + stop occasionally picking in the mud

Habitat: mud flat

Prior Experience with this Species: Seen on Gulf Coast

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Semipalmated Plover has complete breast ring, dark legs, brown rump. Sharp Plover has dark legs, black line running thru tail & brown rump.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during after X observation; Memory

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