

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

Accepted (6-1)

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

Species: Brant
(Vernacular Name)/ Branta bernicla nigricans
(Scientific Name)Date(s): 2/8/95Number of birds seen: One Sex: _____ Plumage: nigricansLatilong: 5 Distribution Code: _____ Habitat Code: Cropland/ReservoirLocality: Angel Lake (Resv.) Weld C.R. 74 #27 Elevation: ~ 4800 feetNearest town: Severance County: WeldTime(s) observed: 0700 - 0720Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 min

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

NoneOther observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): DAVE ELY - found bird 2/7/954501 Boardwalk - Apt #2 Ft. Collins, Co 80525 (970)225-1047Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): EXCELLENT - I was looking north from Weld CR 74 over Reservoir Early Morning ~ Feb sun from SE. Clear day.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Window mounted 25x60 ScopeDistance and how measured: ~150 feet (estimated)If photographed, type of equipment and film: N/AWho else photographed the bird: N/A

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

Swimming ~150' N of Weld CR 74 on Angel Lake w/ ~ 10,000 Canada Geese on Pk

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:

Small, dark Goose - smaller than Canadas. Black head, neck with white "butterfly" design on neck that meet in front.

Description (continued): Approx 10,000 Canada Geese on Reservoir.

After 30 min of searching found Brant swimming from East Shore out into resv. with 13 Canada Geese. Neck marks seen well. Brant was on the water the 20 min I watched it.

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

None

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

Irrigation Reservoir (full) with dryland & irrigated fields.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Careful observation & National Geographic - Field Guide

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

life bird for Brant?

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

a) At time of observation: National Geographic - Birds of North America Field Guide 2nd Ed.

b) After observation: Peterson's WESTERN & EASTERN Field Guide

This report was written from reports made during 2/8/95, after observation 2/8/95, from memory

Date and time report was written: 4/18/95

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