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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

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RESULTS:

Species (Common Name): **Brant (Black Brant)** Species: (Scientific Name): **Branta Bernicla/nigricans**

Date(s) of occurrence: **12/19 & 12/22**

Number of birds seen: **One**

Sex:

Plumage: **Adult**

Exact location: **Long Pond**

County: **Larimer**

Nearest town: **Ft. Collins**

Elevation: **Approx. 5,000 ft.**

Length of observation: **20 minutes**

Time(s) of observation: **3:00 p.m. (12/19) & 1 p.m. (12/22)**

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: **None**

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): **None**

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: **Clear sky, sunny**

Optical equipment used: **Swarovski Scope (20 X60 zoom)**

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): **250-300 yards**

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? **No**

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: **Frozen lake on the ice, some open water**

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: **Sleeping on the ice and then walking around among Canada Geese**

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings – folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

Very dark small goose initially asleep on the ice. After Goose stood up, all black head and neck with white "necklace" or patch on neck. Small bill. Black color extending down breast. Pale flanks contrasted with dark belly. White undertail coverts.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:

SIMILAR SPECIES – This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: **Could not have been any other species.**

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? **I have seen several Brants.**

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): **National Geographic to confirm subspecies.**

This report was made from (check one) ___ notes made during observation ☒ notes made after observation ___ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: **12/28/01**

Reporting observer: **Rachel Hopper**

Signature:

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