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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD X**Species:** Piping Plover (*Charadrius melanotos*)**Date:** 17 April 2001**Number seen:** one**Sex:** male**Plumage:** adult alternate**Locality:** Bonny Reservoir**Elevation:** 3600 ft**Nearest town:** Hale**County:** Yuma**Time observed:** early afternoon**Duration of observation:** about 10 minutes total**Description:**

Small shorebird, specifically a plover. The upperparts were light gray; the forehead was white bordered black on the upper portion forming an upside down U. The eyes were dark; bill was bicolored with the proximal half being bright orange and the distal half black without clear demarcation between the two. Legs were bright orange. The underparts were entirely white, except for a complete black collar that extended around the neck onto the chest. I determined this individual to be a male due to the completeness of the band since females and eastern males show only a partial band.

This individual was seen in close company with two Semipalmated Plovers (*C. semipalmatus*) and a Killdeer (*C. vociferus*); thus, allowing for an excellent comparison of upperpart coloration (being medium brown in the other two species). It was similar in size to *C. semipalmatus*.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none heard

What is your prior experience with this and similarly-appearing species? I have seen dozens of this species outside of Colorado and a couple times in the state at known breeding locations in the SE.

Light conditions: Bright with sun overhead and slightly behind me.

Optical equipment used: Zeiss 7x42 binoculars

Distance, and how estimated: within 50 meters

Other observers who saw the bird with you: none

Other observers who saw the bird independently: I believe up to 4 were reported at this location later in the month.

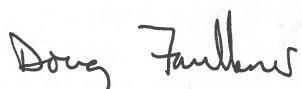
If photographed, type of equipment and film:

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: 3rd ed. National Geographic Birds of North America

Reporting observer: Doug Faulkner

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Date report was written: 28 January 2002 from notes taken immediately after observation.