

## CFO Rare Bird Form

8-92-109

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- New State Record-----  
- ☒ Rare bird in CO  
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Trumpeter Swan  
(Species)-----  
*Cygnus buccinator*  
(Scientific name)  
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Date(s): February 19-22, 1992 (I observed bird February  
21, 1992. 4:30-4:50 PM. With Pearle Sandstrom-Smith  
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Locality: CF&I Lakes, 4 miles south of Pueblo on upper lake.  
Pueblo, Pueblo Co., Colorado  
Nearest town, county and state)  
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Optical equipment: 7x35 Bushnell Binoculars and Celestron  
scope.  
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If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:  
No photo was taken by me.  
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Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: molting imm.  
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Light Conditions: Good, sun to our backs.  
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Distance from bird and how measured: 200-300yds, eliminated.  
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Describe the bird's overall behavior: I first observed the  
bird in a little low weedy grass marsh. Feeding on plants  
and other items, then the swan swam into lake.  
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Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:  
Man-made lake, Reservoir type.  
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Other observers who independently identified the bird  
(Please list names and address):  
Bob & Johnie Dickson 55 Villa Dr. Pueblo Co., 81001 (first  
observers)  
Pearle Sandstrom & Cliff Smith  
Brandon Percival  
Dave Silverman  
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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. The field  
marks used to identify the bird. Include Size, overall  
shape, plumage, and color pattern; details on shape of bill,  
wings, and tail.:  
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Pearle Sandstrom-Smith and I went to CF&I Lakes in afternoon of February 21, 1992, Friday. We drove on west side of CF&I Lakes at an area called Goose Point. Pearle spotted the swan in a weedy field marsh. At this time we carefully got out of car and she walked slowly toward the swan to take pictures. I got my 35mm Nikon scope out of my car and took pictures. Marks necessary to identify this bird took about 20 minutes.

I identified the bird by the bill as it had a large right triangle shaped bill, and by the read on lower manibile, and very large size.

Details: Size About 60 inches, much larger than Mallard swimming by, by about 35 inches.

Shape: typical swan shape.

Head: had brown all over head.

Bill: large black triangular shaped bill with red at lower mandible.

Eye: Small black eye.

Nape : - Brown

Back: white.

Throat, Breast, belly: brown

Flanks: white

Wings: Closed white

tail Upper tail covert and undertail covert white

Legs: black

Describe the bird's calls or sounds if heard:  
No call heard.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:  
Tundra Swan: by no red at lower mandible.

Prior experience with this and similar species:  
I've seen 2 Trumpeter Swans and 4 Tundra Swans in Colorado.

This report was written from notes made during ✓ after   ;  
from memory   .

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Return form to: CFO Records Committee  
c/o Curator-Dept. of Zoological Collections  
Denver Museum of Natural History  
City Park  
Denver, CO 80205



# 25 OS (2-20-92)

CFTI LAKES

photo

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TRUMPETER

SWAN

Pueblo Co.

taken  
by

Pearle & Clif  
Sandstrom - Smith

With  
CFO Records  
Committee

Report  
submitted

by Brandon  
Percival

SANDSTROM-SMITH



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YARD

2-20-92 8:30 AM. (Windy + COOL)

H5 Sprw

H5 Finch

STRUNG

Rock Dove

FIF RD

Imm. Rd TZ HK

FERG

M. Pie

MARSH HAWK

F + F.

RWBB

LAKES

C. Mergs

UPPER

RB Gulls

MALLARDS

BALD EAGLE

HAND LARKS

C. Golden Eyes

RED HEADS

Ad. MERGS

HERRING GULL (VERY LARGE, PINK LEGS, YELLOW EYE, "ATHLETIC")

(U) 9:25 AM (L)  
YR 1/3

TRUMPETER SWAN (1 YR. JUV) "THANKS TO BOB D."

(NO. W. - ALONG SHORE NEAR ROWS OF TREES + REEDS)

(HUGE. NECK DOWN IN H2O 1ST SIGHTING - THEN

HEADS-UP! LONG GRAY-BROWN NECK - DARK ON TOP OF

"FLAT HEAD" (almost like CANVAS BACK)

Black Feet - When he "swims

slight "S" in neck

(He's in w/ Gulls + Mergs + Mallards)

