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CFO Rare Bird Form

- New State Record - A - Rare bird in CO

Trumpeter Swan
(Species)

Cygnus buccinator
(Scientific name)

Date(s): February 19-22, 1992 (I observed bird February 21, 1992. 4:30-4:50 PM. With Pearle Sandstrom-Smith

Locality: CF&I Lakes, 4 miles south of Pueblo on upper lake.
Pueblo, Pueblo Co., Colorado
Nearest town, county and state)

Optical equipment: 7x35 Bushnell Binoculars and Celestron scope.

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:
No photo was taken by me.

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: molting imm.

Light Conditions: Good, sun to our backs.

Distance from bird and how measured: 200-300yds, estimated.

Describe the bird's overall behavior: I first observed the bird in a little low weedy grass marsh. Feeding on plants ands other items, then the swan swam into lake.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
Man-made lake, Reservoir type.

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 & Clif Smith

Brandon Percival

Dave Silverman

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.:

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 notes. I got off right from scope out of the car and took notes. It was not much necessary to identify this bird in about 20 minutes.

I identified the bird by the bill as it had a large right triangle-like shape bill, and by the red on lower mandible, and very large size.

Details: Size: About 60 inches, much larger than Mallard swimming by, by about 25 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: Darker 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)

CFI LAKES

Photo

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Trumpeter

SWAN

Pueblo Co.

taken
by

Pearle & Clif
Sandstrom-Smith

With
CFO Records
Committee

Report
submitted

by Brandon
Perlman

SANDSTROM-SMITH

Leave Sandstrom-Smith
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YARD

2-20-92 8:30 AM. (Windy & cool)

Hs Sprw

Hs Finch

STRNS

Rock Dove

Imm. Rd TZ HK

FERG

M. Pie

MARSH Hawk

RWBB

C. Mergs

RG Gulls

MALLARDS

BALD EAGLE

HRD Larks

C. GOLDEN EYES

RED HEADS

Ad. MERGS

HERRING GULL (VERY LARGE, Pink Legs, Yellow Eye, "ATHLETIC"
RE

9:25 AM (L) TRUMPETER SWAN (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 OR
"FLAT HEAD" (almost like CANVAS BACKISH
BLACK FEET - WHEN he "swims"
SLIGHT "S" IN NECK
(He's 1ST of Gulls I've seen. (Mallard))

