

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

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1. Species: RED PHALAROPE | Phalaropus fulicarius 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: CECI Lakes, Pueblo Co., Colorado
4. Date(s): April 13-14-15, 1972 5. Time bird seen: 4:00 to 4:30
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):

I observed a winter plumaged phalarope with a yellow bill. I then noticed the blue-gray back and wings had white stripes running to the tips as the bird flew over the mudflat. When it landed I could see black eyeline and yellow bill more distinctly. I then called Dave Griffiths and at almost 6:00pm we located it again.
7. Description of voice, if heard: none.
8. Description of behavior: bobbing and swimming in circles as phalaropes do.
9. Habitat--general: Lake- mudflat and in water
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Northern phalarope-no yellow bill. Wilson's phalarope-no yellow bill
and wing stripes.
11. Distance (how measured?): 15 to 30 ft. estimated
12. Optical equipment: 7-35x binoculars 20-45x scope
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
cloudy-light was good at the close range
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
I saw one at the Salton Sea in July 1971 in summer plumage.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
It had an, usually, ocean bird and there were no area records.
16. Other observers: Dave Griffiths, Mike & Lois Shultz, Sam Gadd, Mildred Snyder, and Nancy Hurley
17. Did others agree with your identification? Yes.
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: same as above.
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Field Guide To Western Birds and Birds of North America were used at the lake and my notes were used for this sheet.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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Signature
Date Prepared: December 19, 1972 City and State: Pueblo, Colorado

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2. Species: Red Phalarope (Vernacular Name) Phalaropus fulicarius (Scientific Name) 2. Number: 1

3. Location: CFTD Lakes, 7 miles south of Pueblo, Colorado

4. Date(s): April 13, 1972 5. Time bird seen: late afternoon after 4 p.m.

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field): Distinct small gray and white phalarope with short yellow bill with black tip - Bill most outstanding feature but color pattern - no streaking in back seemed to be much grayer, lighter than other phalaropes I had seen

7. Description of voice, if heard: none remembered

8. Description of behavior: Set in shallow pool in inlet of lake, swam around some in typical phalarope fashion

9. Habitat - general: shallow, open prairie

specific: shallow fresh water lake somewhere line exposed

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: Wilson's Phalarope - Northern Phalarope - bills longer and darker

11. Distance (how measured?): estimated probably 50 to 75 feet

12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars 32 power scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): cloudy, no sun but light was good - bird was in the open

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: no experience with Red Phalarope - I had seen lots of Wilson's Phalaropes

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? It was the first time it had been recorded in the Pueblo area

16. Other observers: Van Truan first, later Nancy Hurley, Mildred Snyder, others

17. Did others agree with your identification? yes

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Van Truan - others

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Birds of North America, Golden Plover Field Guide, A Field Guide to Western Birds R.T. Peterson

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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Signature: Dave A. Gressi, Jr. City and State: Pueblo, Colorado

Date Prepared: March 7, 1973

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