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RESULTS: _____
2000-5

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM
(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

Species: BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER PHOENICUS SQUATAROLA
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of observation: 10-14-00

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: — Plumage: WINTER

Exact location: VEGA RESERVOIR - NEAR OLD CEMETARY - NW SIDE OF LAKE

County: MESA Nearest town: COLLEGATE Elevation: ~ 8100 ft

Length of observation: 20 minutes Times(s) of observation: 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Rich LEVAD, Mynn ACHLEY, FRANK PAUL DIDIER
GRACIE ELLIOTT, Joyce FROST, Helen McMenamin, Bob Morton, Aileen Robe
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): _____

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): FAIR - Looking TOWARDS THE SUN

Optical equipment used: SHIRT B.5 X 44 BINOCULARS; KOWA TSN-2 SPOTTING SCOPE

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 25 YARDS

Was bird photographed?: NO If so, have you submitted photographs?: _____

Who took the photographs?: _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:
NEAR THE EDGE OF THE LAKE IN SHALLOW WATER OFF A GRAVEL BAR.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

PLOVER-LIKE Behavior with Runs in short BURSTS with short STARTS & STOPS
WAIVING IN SHALLOW WATER.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes): INITIALLY IDENTIFIED IT AS A LARGE GRAY PLOVER.

SMALL DARK SPOT Behind the eye on an otherwise non-descript head.
white Rump and white or TRAILING EDGE of secondaries.

Describe bird's call or song: _____

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:
AMERICAN COOPER PLOVER IS BROWNER AND DOESN'T SHOW WHITE PATTERN ON WINGS/TAIL
PACIFIC COOPER PLOVER IS MORE GOLDEN AND DOESN'T SHOW WHITE WING/TAIL PATTERNS.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I HAVE SEEN A FEW, BUT RELIED MORE ON RICH LEVAD'S OBSERVATIONS.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

PETERSON FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE.

This report was made from notes made during 11 or after FIELD TRIP observation, or later from memory X.

Date of written report: 3-5-01

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