

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: GARGANEY (Vernacular Name) | ANAS QUERQUEDULA (Scientific Name)

Date(s): MARCH 28 & 29 1992

Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: MALE Plumage: BREEDING

Locality: SOMBRERO POND 63rd & ARAPAHOE Elevation: 5300'

Nearest town: BOULDER County: BOULDER

Time(s) observed: 11:30 AM ON 28 FOR 20 MINUTES 8:30 am -> 10:00 pm on 29th

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 1 1/2 HOURS ALL TOGETHER

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

ROBERT ANDREWS

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

JOHN & BILL PRATHER

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

CLOUDY ON 28th, SUNNY ON 29th

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BINOCULARS 10x TELESCOPE 40x

Distance, and how measured: MINIMUM 30 yds

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

CHASING FEMALE CINNAMON TEAL
FED BY UPTURNING AS USUAL FOR DABBING DUCK
SOMETIMES HIDING IN CATTAILS.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

The bird was associated closely with CINNAMON TEALS. IT APPEARED TO BE THE SAME SIZE AS THE TEALS. The male duck was very striking with the long white eyebrows very conspicuous against the reddish brown head.

Description (continued):

The brown front part of the body contrasted sharply with the light gray sides of the body. The long body feathers drooping down over the rear of the body were also very conspicuous. In flight the white bordering the speculum were quite obvious.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

None GIVEN

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

ON POND BORDERED MOSTLY BY CATTIALS

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

NO OTHER DUCK I KNOW HAS A FACE OR BODY PATTERN LIKE GARGANEY. BOB ANDREWS IDENTIFIED IT IMMEDIATELY EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A LIFER FOR HIM. THE LOW EYELINE, BODY COLOR COMBINATION AND LONG UPPER FEATHERS ARE UNIQUE.

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

SEEN A FEW (3-4) IN ENGLAND IN 1970'S.
SAW FIRST COLORADO RECORD A FEW YEARS AGO.

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

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation from memory _____
Date and time report was written: SUNDAY MARCH 29, 1992 AT 2pm

Reporting observer: PETER R. GENT Signature: Peter R. Gent

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DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
CITY PARK
DENVER, CO 80205

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SPECIES: GARGANLEY | ANAS QUERQUEDULA
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)DATE(S): 3-29-92 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 7:20 TO 7:40EXACT LOCATION: SOMBIZERO POND 63RD STREETNEAREST TOWN: BOULDER COUNTY: BOULDER

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

JOEY KELLNER, JOE TENBRINKOPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BUSHWELL 8X40 BINOCOS & DISCOVERER SCOPE (BUSHWELL)WEATHER CONDITIONS: PARTLY CLOUDY / CLOUDY WHEN IT POKED THROUGHBIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: SUN OBSCURED BY CLOUDS / LEFT OF BIRD OUT OF FIELD OFDISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: VISUAL ESTIMATE 20 YDS → 50 YDSNUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: M PLUMAGE: ALTERNATE (BREEDING)BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: THE BIRD WAS ACCOMPANYING SOME Cinnamon teal (S) IN A POND. THE BIRDS WERE SWIMMING AROUND AND FEEDING IN THE REEDS. THE BIRD WAS SLIGHTLY SKITTISH WHEN OUT IN THE OPEN AWAY FROM THE REEDS.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):

THE HEAD AND NECK WERE A UNIFORM RUSTY/BROWN COLOR WITH VERY FINE, ALMOST NOT NOTICEABLE, BLACK FLECKS.

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.):

THIS BIRD WAS A TYPICAL MALE WITH A VERY BROAD ALL WHITE SUPERCILIAM/"EYEBROW" THAT CURVED DOWN THE NECK AND TAPERED OFF.LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): THE BILL WAS A UNIFORM BLACKISH GREY.LEGS & FEET: NOT SEEN.

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.):

THE BIRD'S BACK GREY LIGHTER ~~THE~~ THE CLOSER THE FEATHERS WERE TO THE TAIL. (FRONT TO BACK) THEY WERE MORE GREY TOWARD THE MID-BACK WERE THE LONG FINGER LIKE FEATHERS STARTED TO PROTRUDE.THE RUMP ~~OR~~ OR TAILI DID NOT MAKE NOTE OF FEATHER AREA.

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.):

THE CHIN WAS LIKE THE REST OF THE HEAD (COUNTERWISE) I DID NOT SEE THE BELLY. THE SIDES (SEE ABOVE) HAD A "PANEL" BORDERED WITH WHITE. INSIDE THE WHITE BORDERS WAS A SLIGHTLY STRIPED (VERTICAL) AREA.

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RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):
DID NOT MAKE NOTE OF THIS AREA.

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.):
I ONLY SAW THE WINGS ONCE AS IT FLEW FROM THE TREES ON TO MORE OPEN WATER. THE WING PATTERN WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE TEAL (CINNAMON). THE PRIMARIES WERE MAYBE A LITTLE LIGHTER GREY ON THE TOP SIDE.

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):
NONE

HABITAT: POND

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:
THE ONLY POSSIBLE SIMILAR SPECIES WOULD BE A BLUE WING TEAL. THE ~~HEAD~~^{WHITE} ON A TEAL'S HEAD IS IN THE FRONT OF THE FACE THOUGH. A GARGANEY IS PRETTY MUCH UNLIKE ANY OTHER DUCK FOUND IN OUR AREA.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:
NONE WITH THE GARGANEY. BLUE WING TEAL I HAVE OBSERVED QUITE EXTENSIVELY, IN THE SPRING ESPECIALLY.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:
I DID GLANCE AT THE FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS OF N. AMERICA BY NATIONAL GEO SOCIETY. DID NOT SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH IT THOUGH.

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER OBSERVATION; FROM MEMORY

NAME: STEVE STACHOWIAK SIGNATURE: *Steve Stachowiak* DATE: 4-3-92