

1982-25 ufo

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. APR - 1 1982 - 012 ✓
Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name ROSS' GOOSE
Scientific Name CHEN ROSSII
Sight date 3/17/82 time 5PM duration 30 MIN
Distance from bird 600 YARDS
Light conditions EARLY EVENING - SUNNY TO CLOUDY
Optical equip. LEONARDS 7X50 BINOCLS
Photo. equip. NIKON MAT ELW w/400MM PROMASTER
Number of this species seen 4 LENS

Weather at time of this observation.
45°-50°F, SNOW SQUALLS DURING
DAY - WINDY - 25MPH FROM SOUTH.

Prior weather & number of days since change
SNOW NIGHT BEFORE - MELTED BY
EVENING TODAY. STORMY.

Notes made at time of sighting ☒ Date this report
Notes made later from memory ☐ was prepared.
Photo available ☒ Photo enclosed ☐ 3/28/82 -
POOR QUALITY

Locality
MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR WEST OF
BEAVER UTAH ON SR 21, BEAVER
CO., UTAH SPECIFIC - NORTH END AT
TOWN OF ADAMSVILLE.

Male ☒	Adult ☒	Age unk. ☐	Basic Plumage ☒	Light Phase ☐
Female ☒	Subadult ☐	♀ or Imm ☐	Breeding ☐	Dark Phase ☐
Sex Unk. ☐	Juv/Imm ☐	_____ year bird ☐	Eclipse ☐	Molting ☐

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.

FOUR BIRDS - 2 PAIR. NOT SEEN ON 16TH. WERE IN WITH CANADIAN
HONKERS WHICH DWARFED THEM. BIRDS ABOUT SAME SIZE AS
WHITE TAME DUCK - NOT MUCH LARGER THAN PINTAIL DUCK
WITH WHICH THEY WERE ASSOCIATED. SHORT STUBBY PINK TO
ROSE COLORED BILL. NO VISIBLE DARK MARKINGS ON LOWER
PORTION OF BILL. BIRD IS ALL WHITE WITH PINK LEGS AND A
BLACK MARK NEAR TAIL ON BOTH SIDES - WING TIPS ARE
BLACK.

TWO BIRDS WERE ON SHORE FEEDING TOGETHER, WHILE
OTHER TWO BIRDS WERE ABOUT 30 YDS AWAY IN SHALLOW
WATER FEEDING. BOTH PAIRS DID NOT MIX.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

NONE

Variations from expected field marks.

NONE

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

SNOW GOOSE - OVER 400 OF THESE BIRDS SEEN IN SAME LOCATION ON MAR. 25, 1982. THEY WERE OF SAME SIZE AS HONKERS WITH WHICH THEY WERE ASSOCIATED.

ROSS WERE MUCH SMALLER WHEN COMPARED TO SAME STANDARD-CANADIAN HONKER.

~~BEING~~ WHETHER ROSS' GOOSE WAS PRESENT WITH SNOW GOOSE IS HARD TO SAY - SNOW GOOSE WERE FLOATING ON SURFACE IN LONG LINE - ALTHOUGH A FEW HAD HEADS TUCKED INTO WINGS TO SINGLE OUT 4 WHITE GOOSE AMONG 400 - NOT WORTH IT.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

BOTH PAIRS WALKING AND FEEDING. --- CANADIAN HONKER, COMMON MORGANSON, DBL CRESTED CORMORANT, CANADIAN BACK, RED HEAD DUCK, RED BREASTED MERGANSER, GREEN WINGED TEAL, CINNAMON TEAL, PINTAIL, MALLARD, AM. COOT, GRAY W. AN. WIDGEON, CALIF. GUN. NO INTERACTION - MINDED OWN BUSINESS.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

OPEN WATER - BIRDS WERE IN SHALLOW BOGGY AREA. NO CATTAILS OR TALL MARSHY PLANTS. VERY OPEN. ALL BIRDS FEEDING IN GRASSY-BOGGY AREA.

Describe birds song or sounds.

NOT DISTINGUISHABLE FROM OTHER DUCKS AND GOOSE.

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

NONE

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

EXPERIENCED WITH SNOW GOOSE - FIRST SIGHTING OF ROSS' GOOSE.

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