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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 84014  
 Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Great Egret  
 Scientific Name Casmerodius Albus  
 Obs. date 9 June 1984 Time(s) 1:15 PM  
 Duration of obs. 20 minutes  
 Distance from bird 1st 200 yards, then 50 yards  
 Light conditions Excellent  
 Optical equip. Bushnell 8x36 Custom Binoculars  
 Photo equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes made at time of sighting X  
 Notes made later from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Weather at time of this observation.

Mostly clear sky with few high clouds

Prior weather and number of days since change.

Cloudy and much rain for 8 days

Locality

In SE corner of Unit 1, 200 yards west of east dike, Ogden Bay Mgt. Area - Lat/long 2

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
Total number observed.	Males _____ Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns <u>1</u>	Adults <u>1</u> Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns _____	Breeding _____ Transition _____ Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other <u>Possible transition</u>	Available <u>No</u> Enclosed _____
<u>1</u>				

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

The bird was located at water's edge, with 2 snowy egrets on its right and 2 great blue herons on its left, providing good opportunity for size comparison.

Very tall when neck extended - much taller than snowy egrets, not quite as tall as great blue heron.

Neck long and very slender.

Feathers all white.

Bill yellow.

Legs and feet black

In flight the neck folded similar to the great blue heron, and the wings broad with slow beat.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Breeding plumage - not close enough and it could be the bird was past breeding time.

Variations from expected field marks.

none

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

Snowy egret - much smaller, black bill, yellow feet.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

standing at water's edge in typical fishing posture but raised head on extended neck.

Snowy egret and great blue heron. white pelican some distance away.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Typical marsh, but water higher than normal, cattails still in brown (winter) stage.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

No sounds

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen this bird in great numbers and many times in Florida.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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