

**UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SITING**

**COMMON NAME:** Eurasian Wigeon

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Anas Penelope*

**DATE:** 4/3/93

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED:** 3-6 minutes  
(then it flew)

**LOCATION:** Road to Bear River NWR (see map at bottom of page)

**LATILONG:** I don't know

**ELEVATION:** I don't know

**DISTANCE TO BIRD:** 30-50 feet

**LIGHT CONDITIONS:** Overcast, but bright

**OPTICAL EQUIPMENT:** Bausch & Lomb Custom 10x50 binoculars

**WEATHER:** Overcast

**DESCRIPTION:** (WRITE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE BIRD'S APPEARANCE, INCLUDING SIZE, SHAPE, PLUMAGE PATTERN, COLOR, AND ANY UNIQUE FEATURES.)

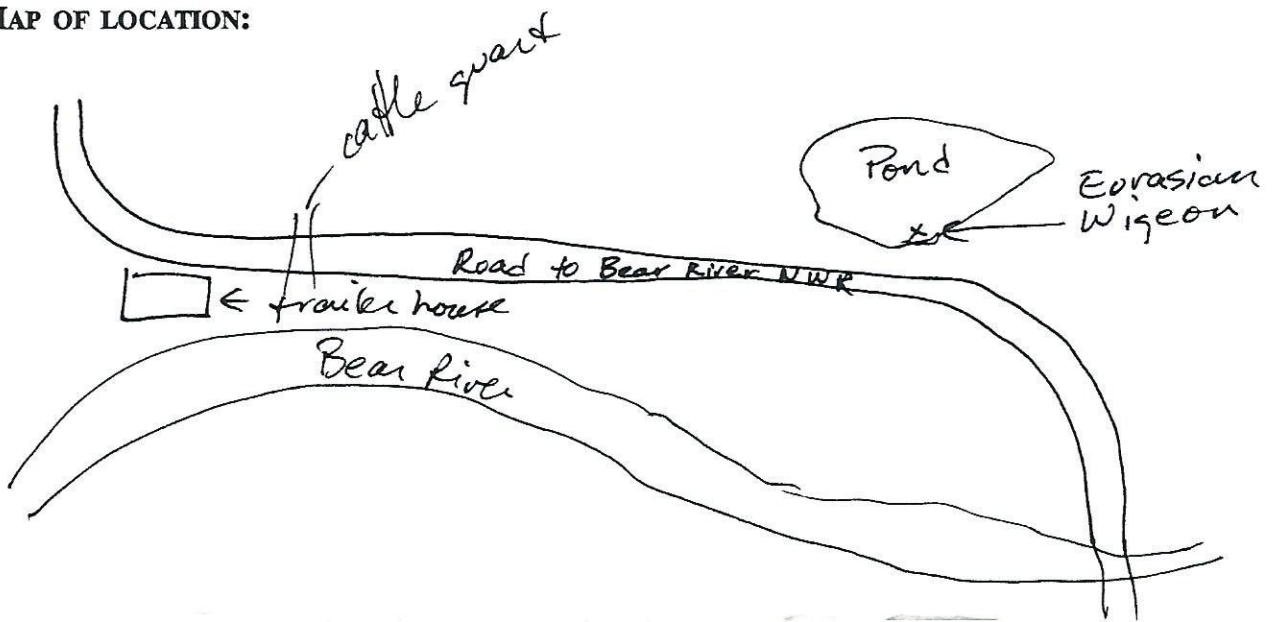
Although I first assumed that I had a Redhead, this duck caught my eye immediately because it seemed to have a rounder head and a more orangey-golden red head than a Redhead. Its head was mostly looking away from me, but at about a 30 degree angle, so I couldn't see its forehead but I was able to see the shape and color of the head very well. I kept watching it, and it eventually turned its head so that I could get a good look at the dark cream-colored vertical forehead stripe. The bird also seemed somewhat smaller than a Redhead, though I didn't compare directly.

**VOICE OR CALL NOTES, AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:** No vocalization.

**BEHAVIOR:** The bird was sitting on the edge of the pond. It flew when I tried to get my scope out.

**HABITAT:** Pond in desert area off of Great Salt Lake.

**MAP OF LOCATION:**



**WHAT SIMILAR SPECIES MIGHT IT HAVE BEEN AND HOW WERE THESE ELIMINATED:**

Redhead: I was working towards elimination first because of rounder appearance to the head, and the warmer head color -- golden-orangey-red. After it turned so that I could see the forehead, the vertical dark cream colored forehead stripe eliminated the Redhead.

American Wigeon: Eliminated because of reddish head on observed duck.

Green-winged Teal: I never considered this because it was the wrong size and shape. There was also no green patch on the head. In any event, the vertical dark cream colored forehead stripe eliminated this Teal.

**WHAT EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:** I saw my first four or so weeks ago at Fish Springs NWR.

~~BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS, AND ADVICE CONSULTED, AND HOW DID THESE INFLUENCE THIS DESCRIPTION:~~ I consulted nothing this time. I reviewed both the Peterson's Western (3rd Edition) and the National Geographic (1st Edition) field guides when I saw the Wigeon at Fish Springs four or so weeks ago.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF RECORD IN THIS AREA OR THE STATE:** Unknown.

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: (ATTACH DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPH, TAPE RECORDING IF AVAILABLE)** None.

**DESCRIPTION FROM:**  NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SITING  
 NOTES MADE LATER  
 MEMORY

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**DATE PREPARED:** 4/4/93 -- except for the scientific name.

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:** ELLA SORENSEN/3868 MARSHA DR./WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84120