

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Eurasian Wigeon

Scientific Name: *Anas penelope*

Date: 4/3/93

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Length of time observed: ~ 2 min.

Number: 1

Age: Adult

Sex: M

Location: Bear River Bird Refuge  
access road - in pond to the west  
at first bend in road.

Lat/long: unknown

Elevation (if known): ~ 4200 ft.

Distance to bird: ~ 200 yards

Light conditions: bright

Optical equipment: Bausch & Lomb 10x40 binoculars  
and Leupold spotting scope 25x

Weather: partly cloudy

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: none

Behavior: Swimming to the left of pond

Habitat: Pond surrounded by grass

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

redhead - wrong head color, and redhead doesn't have the "cap."

American wigeon - wrong head color, and cap is white, compared with creamy cap and forehead on Eurasian wigeon.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have seen lots of redheads and American wigeons and I know what they look like!

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

National Geographic Field guide

Laura Lockhart had seen the species at Fish Springs and Dave Thompson had seen it in Arizona this year.

Significance of record in this area or the state:

This species was seen at Bear R. last year, and at Fish Springs this year. It is listed as "occasional" on bird lists.

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

N/A

Description from notes taken at time of sighting \_\_\_ notes made later \_\_\_ from memory

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Laura Lockhart Julie van Moorhem  
Dave Thompson

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