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SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

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OBSERVER WRITING THIS ACCOUNT & DATE: Alan B. Green, April 15, 1982

Current: 8121 EHR  
Logan, UT 84321

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Date of observation: March 12, 1982 Time: ca. 12:30 p.m. Weather: 70°C, fair Sky Cover: mostly sunny

Duration of observation: ca. 30 minutes, <sup>30 min.</sup> ~~later on the~~ Bird/Sun Orientation: Sun behind (S), one, bird in front (N.)

Exact Location: Marshes in oxbows of Little Bear River Habitat: open water in marshes along a meandering river, some shores short grassy pastures, backwater of a large reservoir.  
immediately North of valley in highway (Utah 30), Cache County, Utah

Observers & Optical Equipment: initially, Alan Green, 7x50 binoculars, 22x60 spotting scope.  
Later Mike Tove, Pete Strom, binoculars and scopes (one Questar telescope)

on March 13, 1982, Alan Green, Mike Tove, Keith Archibald, binoculars and scopes

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SPECIES: European (Eurasian) Wigeon NUMBER, AGE, SEX: One (1), Adult, Male

Distance from bird(s): ca. 150-200 feet Relative size of bird: similar to adjacent American Wigeon

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line etc.): forehead to top of head from beak, light creamy yellow, ~~rest~~ remainder of head red-chestnut (predominantly red).

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color etc.): eye appeared dark  
lots red

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES: pale bluish, dark tip, shaped as ~~Am.~~ <sup>Am. wigeon</sup> LEGS & FEET: not seen

UPPER PARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts etc.): back predominantly light gray

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum etc.): breast buffy-mauve, upper sides gray, under-tail region (including crissum) black, area in front of black area, white, to the gray sides.  
on March 13, 1982, seen flying, belly region white

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers; color pattern; shape etc.):  
tail short, dark

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges etc.):  
feathered, outer wing dark, forewing white, speculum mostly darker, ~~white~~ light below

LOCALIZATION: none heard

BEHAVIOR: on 3/12: Associating with American wigeon in water, slowly swimming. On 3/13: grazing and resting in short grass on shore, flying with wigeon, landing in water  
4/11: ~~seen~~ a of Eurasian wigeon seen by me at Logan Sewage Ponds (4/9 by Mike Tove), pirating water plants from dining American Coots as they surfaced.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: seen on three days by me, the last widely separated from the former two, no evidence was noted to indicate former captivity (a fattened webber removed hind toe could have escaped detection)  
The bird flew apparently as well as American wigeon with it. This bird (or birds) may still be in this area at time of this writing. Notes extracted from notes made on the days of sightings.