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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 1983-44
 re/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name <u>Whimbrel</u>	Weather at time of this observation. <u>Clear, 75°, no wind.</u>
Scientific Name <u>Numenius phaeopus</u>	Prior weather & number of days since ch. <u>3 days of similar weather</u>
Sight date <u>23 May 83</u> time <u>1030</u> duration <u>20 min.</u>	<u>4 days since last front.</u>
Distance from bird <u>~ 100 feet</u>	Locality <u>Quichapa Lake, Iron Co.</u>
Light conditions <u>Good, back light</u>	<u>10 miles west of Cedar Ci</u>
Optical equip. <u>20x scope</u>	
Photo. equip. <u>35 mm SLR adapted to scope</u>	
Number of this species seen <u>1</u>	
Notes made at time of sighting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date this report was prepared. <u>27 May 1983</u>	
Notes made later from memory <input type="checkbox"/>	
Photo available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photo enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Age unk. <input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Plumage <input type="checkbox"/>	Light Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Subadult <input type="checkbox"/>	♀ or Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	Breeding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dark Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Sex Unk. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Juv/Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ year bird <input type="checkbox"/>	Eclipse <input type="checkbox"/>	Molting <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Bird was about the size & shape of a willet, (direct size comparison), but with a longer slender neck, smaller head, & a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, decurved black bill. Neck, back, tail, breast; & upper surface of wings (except primaries) were brown. The head was distinctively marked: black eyeline, whitish eye stripe, & black line above eye stripe. There was a broad whitish stripe through the crown. Eye black. Belly & sides light brown. Primaries very dark brown. Legs were fairly long - dark gray.

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.

Long-billed Curlew: much larger size with a 6 to 8 inch brown bill. Lacks the prominent head stripes.

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

Feeding along the edge of the lake in salt grass usually remained by itself.

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

salt grass flat adjacent to lake.

Describe birds song or sounds.

Call note heard once: a loud "cur lee"

Names of other observers. A/C + phone

V. J. Hedges - same

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen Whimbrels several times along the west coast. I am very familiar with Long-billed Curlew.

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