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APPENDIX V  
UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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Latilong \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Trumpeter Swan  
Scientific Name Cygnus buccinator  
Obs. date Jan 9, 1984 Time(s) 4:00 PM  
Duration of obs. 5 minutes  
Distance from bird 400 feet  
Light conditions good  
Optical equip. Spotting scope  
Photo equip. \_\_\_\_\_

Weather at time of this observation.  
~~Clear~~ cold, foggy

Prior weather and number of days since change

Locality Decker Lake, Salt Lake Co.  
Latilong block number 6

Notes made at time of sighting X Date report prepared Jan 10 1984  
Notes made later from memory X

Number of birds in each category. Total number observed. <u>1</u>	GENDER(S)		AGES(S)		PLUMAGE(S)		PHOTO(S)	
	Males _____		Adults <u>1</u>		Breeding _____	Transition _____	Available _____	
	Females _____		Juv/Imms _____		Eclipse _____	Dark phase _____	Enclosed _____	
	♀ or Imms _____		2/3 yr birds _____		Winter _____	Light ph. _____		
	Unknowns _____		Unknowns _____		Other _____			

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

Large, white, bird with long neck.  
 Bill massive and black - no yellow observed near eye.  
 We commented over and over at the time of the sighting that from the top of the head to the tip of the bill was a straight line. Angle of black near eye large. The massive bill seemed to dominate the head profile.  
 When bird entered the area, it made so much noise I thought a flock of whatever was arriving but only this one swan came in. The only other birds present were gulls and a few ducks.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?  
 None  
 We didn't see the ped "lips" but this is an unreliable field mark anyway.

Variations from expected field marks.  
 None

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.  
 Tundra Swan has a more rounded head, smaller concave bill with a smaller angle. <sup>like</sup> the Tundra Swan usually but not always has a yellow spot. Voice completely different. Tundra Swan is higher pitched.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?  
 Saw loudly vocalizing onto Decker Lake. It stayed about five minutes before being frightened away by a dog. It was alone (no other swans present).

What at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.  
 Small Lake

Describe bird's song or sounds.  
 We are very familiar with the sound of the Tundra Swan. This was lower pitched, more like a Trumpeter.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.  
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 Signature Ella Sorenson

What is your experience with this or similar birds?  
 We are very familiar with Tundra Swans and have observed Trumpeter in Yellowstone.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.  
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