

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Wigeon, Eurasian

Scientific Name: *Anas penelope*Date: March 29, 1986 Time: 3³⁰

Length of time observed: 10 minutes

Number: 1 Age: adult

Sex: male

Location: Faust Res

Latilong: 5

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: 200 feet

Light conditions: Good

Optical equipment: 30x-60x scope

Weather: calm

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

Shape and size similar to American Wigeons
which were nearby.

Sides and back gray

Rear was black with white separating the
black and gray.

Head and neck were reddish (with a slight
orange cast.

Crown and forehead were whitish

White patch observed on wing in flight

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: Many species were present including about
50 American Wigeons

Habitat: Small res. at a farm. Located in a
rather barren valley

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

Adult male Eurasian Wigeon's are distinctive.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have seen them in zoo's and at
Lava Hill Golf course in St George.

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

Guy McLaskie concerning the question of
wild vs escapee

Significance of record in this area or the state:

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

Description from notes taken at time of sighting X notes made later from memory

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