

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Red Phalarope
 Date: Oct. 1, 1989 Time: 15:30
 Number: 1 Age:
 Location: Kaufman Ranch, Black Rock

Scientific Name: *Phalaropus fulicarius*
 Length of time observed: 1 hr
 Sex:

Latilong:

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: 100 feet

Light conditions: good.

Optical equipment: 15x60 Sharp Scope
 8x42 Elite binocular

Weather:

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

The bird was unmistakably a phalarope, was observed twirling in circles. The top of the back was light gray + lacked the stripes of the Red-necked. When the bird flew a wing stripe was noted. The most obvious feature was the profile of the head which is much different than Wilson + Red-necked. The bill was shorter and thicker than either species. Had phalarope smudge through eye

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: —

Behavior: Was the only phalarope present swam rather erratically in a pond.

Habitat: A desert oasis, a ranch with a pond.

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

Wilson's - lacks wingstrip bill much longer and thinner
Red-necked - lacks pale gray back bill not as thick

What experience have you had with this and similar species: Lots, including Reed on Pelagic trips off Monterey.

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

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 notes made later from memory

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