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Mountain Plover

MOUNTAIN PLOVER DESCRIPTION - BASED PLUMAGE

SEEN 31 MARCH 1992 @ LAYTON MARSH

SUBSEQUENTLY SEEN IN APRIL (w/ ELCA TORPSON & CRAIG HOFFMAN) 3 APRIL
UTM COORDINATES: 411500 EAST, 4543800 N.

OBSERVED FOR 15 MINUTES FEEDING w/ A FLOCK
OF 6 SNOWY PLOVERS IN DEAD SALT GRASS
NEXT TO GREAT SALT LAKE (FEEDING ON
BROWN FLIES).

SIZE: ABOUT 1/2 TIMES THE SIZE OF ADULT
SNOWY PLOVER, APPEARED TO BE SLIGHTLY SMALLER
THAN A GOLDEN PLOVER

OVERALL PLUMAGE COLOR: DARK BROWN - WINGS (SOLID, NO SPECKLING), BREAST - LIGHT BROWN WITH NO
STREAKING OR SPOTS, BELLY/VENT - SOLID WHITE,
HEAD - LIGHT TAN w/ WHITISH EYE STRIPE, WHITE
AT BASE OF BILL & WHITE BELOW EYE.
LEG COLOR - LIGHT - NOT BROWN

SIMILAR SPECIES - BOTH BLACK-BELLIED & L. GOLDEN
PLOVER ARE LARGER, HEAVIER, & SHOW BUFFY
EDGES TO COVERTS (LACKING IN THIS BIRD) AND
SOME DARKER STREAKING/SPOTTING ON BREAST,
(LACKING IN THIS BIRD).

I HAVE SEEN MOUNTAIN PLOVER IN EASTERN COLORADO
PREVIOUSLY, SO AM FAMILIAR w/ THE SPECIES.