

## VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Eurasian Wigeon

Scientific Name: *Anas Penelope*

Date: 3 April 93 Time: 8:58 Am

Length of time observed: &lt; 10 minutes

Number: 1 Age: Adult

Sex: male

Location: Road leading to Bear River Refuge. Pond to the west of paved road at 1<sup>st</sup> 90° Bend in Road from west bound to south bound (see map)

Lat/long: ?

Elevation (if known): ?

Distance to bird: &lt; 100 yards.

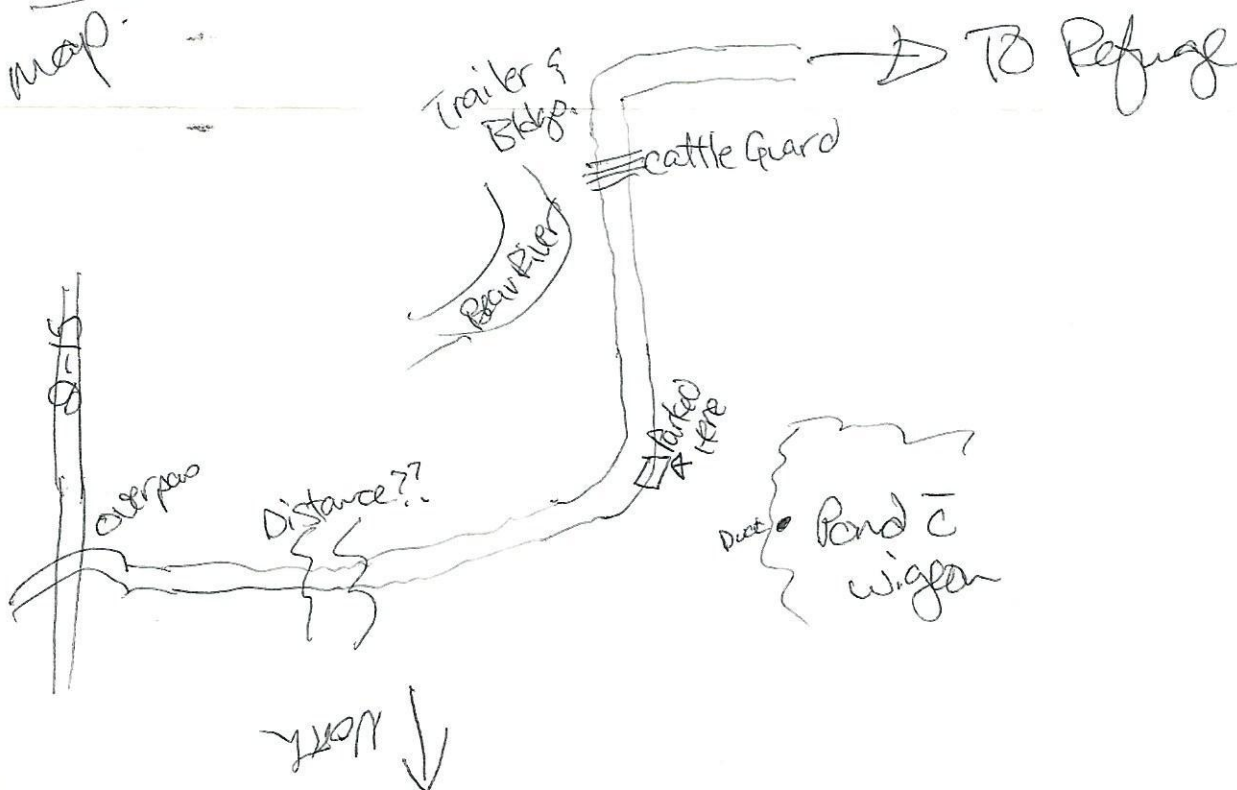
Light conditions: overcast sky.

Optical equipment: Leica 10x42 Binoculars

Weather: Overcast -  $\phi$  wind  $\phi$  precip. - Cool spring morning  $\approx 40^\circ\text{F} (?)$ 

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

Same shape and size as American Wigeons in same pond - Rusty Rusty (Bright) Red head w/ Golden yellow crown stripe - also noted green stripe on side of rusty head near the eye - (This bird was much closer than the one @ Fish Springs.) Soft pinkish breast - Gray sides, white horizontal feather/wing mark, white at rear with dark almost black tail. Bird turned to show all angles.



Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

N/A.

Behavior:

Flloating on pond with 10-20 American Wigeon & other ducks - At first sighting was on edge of pond then moved into water swimming away then turning - Entire flock flushed when we tried to get scopes

Habitat:

Shallow pond in open marshy area - ~~very little~~ Just spring vegetation around pond.

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

When I first passed over the duck with my binoculars I dismissed it as a redhead - facing away from me. Laura asked if it was a Eurasian Wigeon - Immediately I knew which one she was looking at. The duck turned its head to show crown - I then knew she was right.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

When duck swam & showed its sides it became even more obvious. Viewed one very close in Phoenix area on 5/8/93 - also saw one at Fish Springs on 6/2/93.

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

For this bird, no field guide was necessary for ID based on recent experience with the species by 3 of the 4 observers present.

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Bird listed as "Occasional" on UOS V-list

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

None

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

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Laura Lockhart - Spotted the bird - was present @ Fish Springs Sighting  
Julie Van Moorhem - was present in Phoenix when we saw that E. Wigeon  
Carol Gwin

Date prepared: 6 April 93.

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