

6-1993 (b)

PETER PATON'S DESCRIPTION - WRITTEN 12-5-93 (24 HRS AFTER SIGHTING).

HUDSONIAN GOOWIT

SEEN 11-MAY-1993 ABOUT 1 KM SE OF NORTH

DAVIS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, DAVIS COUNTY, UTAH

SEEN FORAGING WITH L.B. DOWITCHERS, BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS

AND MARBLED GOOWITS

SEEN w/ CRAIG KNEEDY FROM APPROX. 16:05-16:15

BY DR. BRUCE PATON (DANVER, CO) & KEITH LAWRENCE FROM
19:05-19:15.

NO CLOUDS OR WIND, ~80°F, GOOD LIGHT

SEEN FROM A DISTANCE OF ~200m w/ A 22X SPOTTING
SCOPE & 10X BINOCULARS

WHILE FORAGING, BIRD WAS ABOUT $\frac{3}{4}$ - $\frac{7}{8}$ SIZE OF
ADJACENT M. GOOWIT (<1m AWAY).

~~OBVIOUS~~ OBVIOUS FEATURE WAS CINNAMON/RUFOUS
BREAST & VENT, DARK BACK (BLACK & DARK BROWN)
LIGHT GREY HEAD w/ WHITE SUPERCILIARY. BILL WAS
REDDISH/ORANGE AT BASE - BLACK AT TIP (BRIGHTER
THAN ADJACENT MARBLED GOOWIT). BILL WAS STRAIGHT

IN FLIGHT (SEEN TWICE), BLACK UNDERWING COVERTS
WITH A LIGHT GREY BASE TO PRIMARIES/SECONDARIES CREATING
A WING STRIKE.

TAIL WAS WHITE AT BASAL HALF, & BLACK ON
TERMINAL HALF.

- OVER -

ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE GOOBER WAS BAN-TROUS, BUT
BLACK WING-VERTING ELIMINATES THAT POSSIBILITY.

THIS WAS A LIFE FOR ME, BUT I AM VERY
FAMILIAR WITH THIS SPECIES AFTER STUDYING THEM
MANY TIMES IN FIELD GUIDES. I KNEW THE
SECOND I SAW THIS BIRD FROM 500m AWAY IT
WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT, & PROBABLY A HUDSONIAN
GOOBER.