

BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Tundra Swan (*Cygnus Columbianus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 3 adults
3. Locality: Louisiana: Near Madisonville Parish: St. Tammany

4. Date(s) when seen: December 2, 1984
5. Times of day when seen: Around 11 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Norton Velkin, 1238 Eighth St. New Orleans, LA 70115
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
David Muth, Mac Myers, Dan Purington
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
George Reiser?
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Partly cloudy. Birds were usually in good light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
7X50 binoculars
11. Distance to bird: 50-several hundred yards.
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific):
flooded soybean fields

14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): flying, circling to come in for landing several times, but never did.
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):
All white - no black on wings; very long thin neck with head also small (appearing as a knob on end of neck). Head slightly rounded on forehead; bill black, stubby (almost comical appearing) with hard parts reaching up to eye. Perhaps some yellowish orange at base of eye on one bird (kept thinking I saw it but can't be sure)

16. Voice: Didn't hear

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Mute Swan - by bill shape and color, flight shape (no hunch)
Trumpeter Swan - head shape; neither bird nor bill seemed large enough for Trumpeter.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

NO

19. Previous experience with this species:

None

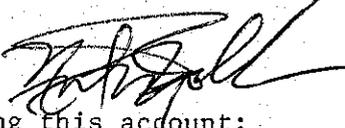
20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: Audubon Water Guide, National Geographic (but not used in identification)

21. This description written from: ___ notes made during observation; notes made after observation; ___ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: 

24. Date and time of writing this account:

2:30pm, December 4, 1984