DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? LITTLE BLUE HERON - 1 IMMATURE

Location?_ WEST HOTES LAKE, DICKINSON CO.

Type of habitat? RESTORED, SHALLOW WETLAND w/ LOW VEGETATION & MUDFLATS

When? date(s): 9/26/92 Time: . 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Who? your name and address LEE A. SCHOENEWE
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Others with you DENNIS McFARLAND, NANCY SCHOENEWE

Others before and after you NONE

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior. SMALL WHITE HERON, SLIGHTY LARGER THAN GREATER YELLOWLEGS AND CONTRASTED TO GREAT EGRET WHILE FEEDING IN PROXIMITY. BILL WAS BLUE-GRAY WITH A DARKER TIP. LEGS WERE UNIFORMLY GRAY-GREEN. OBSERVED THE BIRD FEEDING OVER SEVERAL HOURS WHILE IN AREA. IT FLEW ABOUT THE SHALLOW MARSH AND STALKED PREY PATIENTLY IN VARIOUS AREAS OF SHALLOW WATER AND ON MUDFLATS.

Similar species and how eliminated: SNOWY EGRET. THIS BIRD LACKED THE BLACK BILL AND DARK LEGS WITH YELLOW FEET.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: 100 - 300 YDS. 10x50 BINOCULARS, 20-60X SCOPE
22X SCOPE

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:
NUMEROUS SNOWY EGRET + LITTLE BLUE HERONS IN FL + TX.

References and persons consulted before writing description:
PETERSON FIELD GUIDE

How long before field notes made? 2 HOURS

this form completed? 1 DAY

Mail original form to field editor for this season.