

What species? y-cr. night-heron imm How many? 1Location? Riverton WMA, Fremont Co IAType of habitat? unpounded mnts w/ marsh vegetation, willowsWhen? date(s): 8-14 time: _____ to _____Who? your name and address: M Newtonothers with you: C Bendery, T Standt

others before or after you: _____

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

medium-sized heron

head + upperparts whitish w/ long fine dark streaks

Back + wing-coverts brown with fine pale dots on back, larger spots (round) on coverts.

In flight primaries + secondaries dark grey - notably darker than coverts

Hint of a dark line through eye. Forehead, crown darker than back.

eye: orange-yellow

legs: yellowish-green; in flight, $\frac{1}{3}$ of tarsus + feet protruded beyond tail.

bill - long + pointed, deep at base.

Similar species and how eliminated: spots rather than streaks on mantle + coverts, dark flight feathers, long legs + deep bill eliminate Black-crown.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
50-70 (est) 25X60 scope, sun behind us.Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen many of both sp of night herons in VA, Del, Fla.

References and persons consulted before writing description: _____

How long before field notes made? made on spot this form completed? transcribed 11-28