

BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

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SPECIES: ROSS' GOOSE NUMBER: 1
LOCATION: Forney's Lake COUNTY: Fremont
DATE: 25 March 1984 TIME: 9:30 AM TO 9:35 AM

HABITAT: Large open lake, packed with migrating waterfowl especially snow geese.

DESCRIPTION: As a flock of about 15,000 Snow Geese was gathering to rest in a tight flock on the center of the lake, we spent about an hour trying to pick out a Ross'. Finally, Tom Kent picked out a bird in the front center of the milling flock. Compared to the Snow Geese next to it, noted the following:

This bird was about 2/3 size of the Snows. Noticeably shorter relative neck length. Bill much smaller and relatively much stubbier. Forehead was very rounded, not angled in line with the bill like the Snow Geese. Bill color suggested slight darkening at base.

AGREEMENT/DISAGREEMENT OF OTHERS: Others present and in agreement were Tom Kent, Tom Staudt, and Ross Silcock

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Perfect light at our backs

DISTANCE: 100 yards (Estimated) EQUIPMENT: 20X scope

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES: Quite familiar with Snow Geese, first encounter with Ross'.

REFERENCES, PERSONS CONSULTED BEFORE WRITING DESCRIPTION: Natl. Geo. Guide, Master Guide.

FIELD NOTES MADE? 8 hours

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