

For I.O.U. only

Unusual Bird Report Form for Christmas Bird Counts

CBC Name (not bird club name): Spirit Lake CBC Date: 12-19-98

Species (include number, age, sex etc. as appropriate): Tundra Swan - 4 (1 ad., 3 imm)

Observer: Doug Harr Other observers who saw bird: Lee Schoenewe
(on previous dates): Ed Huelen

Description (Describe size, color and pattern above and below, head, bill, tail, wings etc. as needed. Use this space for a drawing if helpful. Include photos if available.):

Differentiated from local trumpeters by obvious yellow patch on bill of adult. Immature (grayish-white) birds all showing very pink bill, shading only at tip.

Sounds made, if any: Birds seen in flight on previous day, making call more goose-like (definitely not a "trumpet")

Conditions of observation (Time of day, weather, duration of observation, distance to bird, optics used, etc.):

Clear sky, sun at back, birds resting on ice at about 120 yds, viewed w/ 20x spotting scope

Behavior and Habitat (What was the bird doing while you watched it? What habitat was it in?):

On ice at Grovers Lake W.M.A.

Similar Species (What similar species might be in your area in winter? How did you eliminate them from consideration?):

Trumpeter Swan (see above notes)