

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? RED-NECKED PHALAROPE - 1
Location?_ NORTH SHORE OF BIG SPIRIT LAKE
Type of habitat? OPEN, PROTECTED BAY BETWEEN LARGE LAKE AND MARSH
When? date(s): 9/15/91 Time: . 11:14 AM
Who? your name and address LEE A. SCHOENEWE
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Others with you DENNIS MCFARLAND

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 ROBIN-SIZED BIRD SWIMMING ON OPEN WATER. WHITE BREAST AND NECK WITH DARK EAR PATCH AND DARK CROWN AND STRIPE DOWN BACK OF NECK. BLACK, THIN BILL. GRAY BACK AND WINGS WITH WHITE ACCENTS. SHORT FLIGHTS REVEALED WHITE STRIPES ON WINGS AND WHITE HIGHLIGHTS ON BACK. WHITE TAIL COVERTS IN FLIGHT. ERRATIC SWIMMING AND FEEDING BEHAVIOR ON WATER.

Similar species and how eliminated: BILL SHORTER THAN WILSON'S BUT THIN. WHITE WING STRIPES AND WHITE HIGHLIGHTS DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER PHALAROPES.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: SUNNY DAYLIGHT, 50-100 YDS OVER OPEN WATER, 10X50 BINOCULARS AND 20-60X SPOTTING SCOPE

Previous experience with this species and similar ones: NUMEROUS PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS OF WILSON'S PHALAROPES IN MIGRATION

References and persons consulted before writing description: PETERSEN FIELD GUIDE

How long before field notes made? 2 HOURS
this form completed? 3 DAYS

Mail original form to field editor for this season.