

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Wilson's phalarope How many? 1

Location? Greencastle one no. of F28 Johnson Co.

Type of Habitat? Hawkeye Wildlife area

When? date(s): Oct 17-97 time: 4:20-4:40 PM

Who? your name and address: Rita Goranson
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Others with you: TOM KENT

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

a robin size bird - with a long thin bill -
very gray on back & cap, white on breast &
neck, chin area = non distinguishing coloring -
feeding along edge of pond -
- long neck & shorter legs of phalarope versus
yellow legs -

Similar species; how eliminated:

red necked phalarope has a very distinctive black
& gray & white coloring in winter

red phalarope has a different bill

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

I used scope TSN-2 as it was 150 ft - 200 ft

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

have seen before at closer ranges

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Nat'l geographic

How long before field notes made? right away this form completed? 6 weeks

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).