

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: HOARY REDPOLL Scientific Name: CARDUELIS HORNEMANNI
 Date: FEB. 26, 1999 Time: ABOUT 7:45AM Length of time observed: SAW THE BIRD TWICE IN A FIVE-MINUTE PERIOD
 Number: ONE Age: ADULT? Sex: ? PROB. FEMALE
 Location: HOME OF GORDON & BOBBIE BOSWORTH 875 E 2005 HYDE PARK
 Lat/long: 3 Elevation (if known): ABOUT 4800 FEET
 Distance to bird: FIRST OBSERVATION 30-40 FEET, SECOND ABOUT 50 Light conditions: EARLY MORNING, BRIGHT
 Optical equipment: ZEISS 10X40 BINOCULARS
 Weather: CLEAR, SCATTERED CLOUDS

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

THIS BIRD WAS THE "WHITEST" REDPOLL I'VE EVER SEEN. THE ENTIRE UNDERSIDE FROM BELOW THE BLACK CHIN TO THE UNDERTAIL COVERTS WAS WHITE. THERE WERE ONLY A FEW VERY LIGHT TAN STRIPES ON THE SIDES OF THE BREAST. THE BACK WAS ALSO VERY LIGHT. THE STRIPES ENDED AT THE TOTALLY WHITE RUMP, WHICH WAS VERY EVIDENT WHEN IT FLEW. WHITE WING BARS EVIDENT IN FLIGHT.

THE BILL WAS "SMALL" AND YELLOW BORDERED BY A THIN BLACK LINE, WHICH EXTENDED UPWARD FROM THE BLACK CHIN - A THIN BLACK LINE ALSO EXTENDED FROM THE BILL TOWARDS THE EYE.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: NONE HEARD

Behavior: WAS FLYING WITH A MIXED FLOCK OF ~~COMMON~~ ^{GRAY-CROWNED} AND BLACK ROSY FINCHES
THE HOARY REDPOLL LANDED NEAR OUR CAR TWICE IN DIFFERENT
TREES.

Habitat: YARD EAST SIDE OF HYDE PARK SURROUNDED BY FIELDS ABOUT
 $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE FROM FOOTHILLS

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

MY FIRST THOUGHT WHEN I SAW THIS BIRD WAS THAT IT WAS AN
ALBINO "SOMETHING". BUT WHEN I SAW THE BRIGHT RED FOREHEAD
AND "SMALL" YELLOW BILL, I KNEW IT WAS A REDPOLL. TO ME
THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS BIRD WAS A HOARY REDPOLL. THE
WHITE UNDERPARTS AND WHITE RUMP ELIMINATES THE COMMON REDPOLL.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I HAVE OBSERVED BOTH COMMON AND HOARY REDPOLLS IN BOTH ALASKA
AND MICHIGAN. I HAVE SEEN COMMON REDPOLLS IN UTAH, INCLUDING ONCE
AT MY FEEDER. MY LATE WIFE AND I FOUND THE FIRST KNOWN HOARY
REDPOLL NEST ON ATTU ISLAND, ALASKA. THE DE TOBISH CONFIRMED IDENTIFICATION
AND LATER PUBLISHED THE RECORD.

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

^{PSYCHOGRAPHIC}
NATIONAL GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, PETERSON'S WESTERN BIRDS, ALL THE
BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, PETERSON'S BIRDS OF BRITAIN AND EUROPE, HEINZEL ET AL.
THE BIRDS OF BRITAIN AND EUROPE, AUDUBON SOCIETY MASTER GUIDE TO BIRDING,
LEWINGTON ET AL. RARE BIRDS OF BRITAIN AND EUROPE, PYLE'S IDENTIFICATION
GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS. THESE DIDN'T INFLUENCE DESCRIPTION, BUT CONFIRMED
IDENTIFICATION

Significance of record in this area or the state: IDENTIFICATION

IT MAY BE THE FIRST UTAH RECORD.

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting X notes made later from memory X

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