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IDAHO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Cackling Goose

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

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DATE REPORT PREPARED:

1 Mar 2005

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

5 Feb 2005

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

Lane Marsh, adjacent to Idaho Hwy.3, along north side of highway across from pond on south side of highway. Community of Lane, ID.

HABITAT:

Wetland with open water

CONDITIONS:

Clear weather, 45 degrees F.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

No, not at all

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

Yes, during the observation

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

The Sibley Guide to Birds.

DESCRIPTION:

small mallard-sized Canada Goose with short neck, round head, and very short bill. Also had small, narrow white cheek patch.

BEHAVIOR:

Swimming on water with other common Canada Geese. Not feeding.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

Within 5 minutes, short neck, small size, round head, short bill.

Stephen Johnson first noticed this unusual bird from our moving car; so we stopped and walked back along highway to try to find and identify and we were able to do that.

HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

Richardson's Alentian Canada Goose has longer neck and flatter head, slightly longe bill.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

Saw one at Independence Point, Coeur d'Alene, with Gina Sheridan on 24 Dec 2004.

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

8+ years

WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

None