

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

 X Unusual Species Unusual Date Unusual Habitat

1. **MOST IMPORTANT:** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

2. **Count Area:** Grant County, NM Silver City Golf Course

3. **Species** –Mexican mallard **Age:** adults **Sex:** ♂ & ♀ **Number:** 4

4. **Date(s) of Observation:** 12.20.2014 **Time:** 10:00 am

5. **Place:** Golf Course Pond

Nearest Town: Silver City **County:** Grant County

6. **Observer** Dennis Lane_

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7. **Observation Details:** Two pairs were among a large group of common mallards, buffleheads, and a coot. All four individuals were able to observe the birds at length.

Other Observers: Susan Teller-Marshall, Gwen & Andy Payne

Optics Used: binoculars

Distance From Bird: 25-30 yards **Viewing Conditions:** excellent

Weather, sky cover: 50 degrees, sunny, very little wind

Photo Taken? Y **Video?** N **Sound Recording?** N **Specimen?** NO

8. **Past Experience: With this or similar species?** I have observed this species several times in the past 35 yrs.

9. **References or Advice Consulted:** Sibley West

10. **Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory?** Memory

Signature Dennis Lane

Date 12.23.2014

Description: (use additional pages as needed)

♂ had bright yellow bill with medium brown back and wings, a light grey neck and blue speculum. ♀ was similar but with a more orange bill.

