

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

_____ Unusual Species x Unusual Date _____ Unusual Habitat

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.

Count Area: Grant County, NM

Species - *Mergus merganser*, Common Merganser
Number: 3

Age:

Sex:

4. **Date(s) of Observation:** Dec. 19, 2015

Time: approximately 10:00 AM

5. **Place:** Near the corner of Broken Arrow and Railroad Dr. (~ 32.723294, -108.250959)

Nearest Town: Silver City

County: Grant County

6. **Observer** Grant Weyburne

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7. **Observation Details:**

Other Observers:

Optics Used: swarovski 8x42 binoculars

Distance From Bird: flying overhead
and unobstructed

Viewing Conditions: Clear

Weather, sky cover: Partly cloudy

Photo Taken? No **Video?** No **Sound Recording?** No **Specimen?** NO

Past Experience: With this or similar species? Seen many times over many years. Very familiar.

References or Advice Consulted: N/A

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

Signature Grant Weyburne

Date 23rd December 2015

Description: (use additional pages as needed)

All three had very extensively white bodies with a sharp cutoff from the dark head and part of neck. Also they had very stocky bodies with long thick neck protruding, and whitish on the inner half of the underwing. The three birds were in a fairly close flock as they flew overhead. The viewing conditions were very good.