

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

 x Unusual Species 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: Silver City, NM CBC circle

Species - *Lophodytes cucullatus*, Hooded Merganser **Age:** adult **Sex:** female
Number: two

4. **Date(s) of Observation:** Dec. 19, 2015 **Time:** ~10:00 AM

5. **Place:** Jeff Glenn Ranch pond, approx. GSP, 32.712913, -108.244630

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

6. **Observer** Karen Beckenbach

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7. **Observation Details:**

Other Observers: Grant Weyburne & Sonnie Sussillo

Optics Used: Vortex Viper 10x42

Distance From Bird: 70 ft

Viewing Conditions: clear and
unobstructed

Weather, sky cover: Partly cloudy, calm, about 55 °F

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

Past Experience: With this or similar species? Recently seen on Lake Roberts and often in past years in the Vancouver BC area.

References or Advice Consulted: memory

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

Signature Karen Beckenbach

Date December 27, 2015

Description: (use additional pages as needed)

The two females were on the pond on the Glenn Ranch, near the far shore about 70 ft away. They were about the size of the American Wigeon and Ring-neck Duck. The body was grayish and the head was rusty red. There was a short fuzzy looking crest that extended from the back of the head. The bill was a merganser bill verses a duck bill.