

Species: HORNED PUFFIN

Record No. 014-81-07

Location: CAPE LOOKOUT, TILLAMOOK CO.

Date(s): AUG. 23, 1981

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
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Specimen no. & location _____

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verified _____
Single rept. sighting ✓
Multiple rept. sighting _____

Not accepted _____
origin questionable _____
exotic not estab. _____

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Disposition

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Date observer(s) notified: _____

HORNED PUFFIN, adult
August 23, 1981
Cape Lookout, Tillamook Co., Oregon
No other observers

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I was scanning the ocean in good light at around mid-morning. Skies were clear.

After nearly an hour I spotted an adult Horned Puffin in breeding plumage at about 350 yards. The bird was immediately recognizable, showing these marks: (1) large round pure white face patches giving a "round headed" appearance; (2) black neck band; (3) white breast at the water line; (4) small black "horns" above the eye; (5) dark back; and (6) the typical puffin bill.

I am familiar with this species from observations in 1980 at St. Lawrence Island and St. Paul Island in the Bering Sea. The only similar species are Common Puffin, which is distinguishable as lacking the horn above the eye (which was easily noticed on the bird I saw), and the Tufted Puffin, which is distinguishable as having yellowish tufts on its head and as having a smaller, longer white face patch, giving a "long headed" appearance.

Photographs were attempted but because of the great distance, are not conclusive.

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