

Species: LITTLE BLUE HERON

Record No. 200-06-09

Location: TUALATIN RIVER NWR  
County: WASHINGTON  
Date(s): JUNE 11, 2006

Reporters	details	slides	prints	tapes
TOM SHREVE	K		L-M-N O	
DARIN RHEIN	A		B to J P-Q-R-S	

Specimen no. & location \_\_\_\_\_  
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Accepted 9-0  
verified ✓  
Single rept. sighting \_\_\_\_\_  
Multiple rept. sighting \_\_\_\_\_

Not accepted \_\_\_\_\_  
origin questionable \_\_\_\_\_  
exotic not estab. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date reporter(s) notified: 4-19-07













**Subject: Little Blue Heron sighting at Tualatin River NWR**

**Date:** Friday, June 16, 2006 3:41 AM

**From:** Darin <d.rhein@comcast.net>

**To:** <hnehls@teleport.com>

200-06-09 A

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Little Blue Heron, 1 adult

June 11,2006

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

First sighted preening in a snag, near the photography blind, west of the parking lot. After about 10 minutes the LBH flow east toward the parking lot, following a Great Egret which had been roosting in another snag near the photo blind. A short while later I found both birds in the meadow between the photo blind and the parking lot, the LBH appeared to be feeding. I observed and photographed them at this location for a short time, until some other people came down the trail. At this point, the G Egret flow south toward highway 99W to a large pond, and the LBH again followed it. Upon my arrival at said pond a few minutes later, I spotted the G Egret on the west end of the northern most of the ponds two islands, and the LBH on the eastern end of the southern most island. Soon there after the LBH flow across to rejoin the G Egret, where I again observed and photographed them.

Other observers include: Tom & Mary Shreve # 503-348-1651;  
Susan Parson; and Wendell Wood.



**Subject: RE: Little Blue Heron at TRNWR**

**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2006 6:04 PM

**From:** Tom Shreve <taspa@comcast.net>

**To:** 'Harry Nehls' <hnehls@teleport.com>

200-06-0915

Harry, I hope this provides what you need. The un-cropped photos are large at full resolution but I would be happy to supply them if you like.

Tom

Rare Bird Report Form

1. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

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2. BIRD IDENTIFICATION. Write in the name of the species you have identified and information on numbers, sex, plumage, and age.

One adult Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*).

3. DATE(S). Month, day, and year. If there are multiple observations, each date.

Sunday, June 11, 2006.

4. LOCATION. Be specific; describe habitat.

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon.

The bird flew into a snag at the ponds west of the parking area and to the south of the photography blind. The area around the ponds is largely open with a few trees and tall 'snags' or standing

dead trees.

## 5. DETAILS.

I was on the main trail that goes past the photography blind and saw that the bird was too small to be a Great Blue Heron, the predominate Heron in the area. The bird appeared uniformly dark with long feathers along the torso being blown by the wind. Bill color and leg color were not determined due to distance and the fact that the bird was seen against a bright hazy sky. An Osprey landed in he same snag confirming that the subject bird was smaller than a Great Blue Heron. There was no white visible on the bird as would have been expected on a Great Blue Heron or a Tri-colored Heron. I observed and photographed the bird from two locations, before and after the Osprey landed. The bird left the snag and flew to the South and East and I observed it against the darker background of the hills. The wings and back were of uniform color, no red was apparent and the color was the blue-grey that I associate with Little Blue Herons. I have seen numerous Little Blue Herons in Florida and elsewhere and believed that was what I was seeing. I walked East along the trail and looked at the ponds there but did not see the bird. Upon returning to the car I consulted Sibley's Western Birds field guide and confirmed that what I had seen was consistent with a Little Blue Heron and none of the other Herons or Egrets. I walked west down to the ponds there but did not see the bird again. I did not see the bird on the ground or in the water. I did not hear any sound from the bird.

My wife, Mary Shreve, also saw the bird. Her address is the same as mine.

## 6. PHOTOS, RECORDINGS.

I observed the bird with 10x Pentax binoculars and photographed it with a Nikon 8800 8 mega-pixel digital camera with a 10x zoom and a 1.7 power Nikon tele-extender.