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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Black Rail

(Vernacular Name)

Laterallus jamaicensis
(Scientific Name)Date(s): May 7, 1994Number of birds ^{heard} 6 Sex: Unknown Plumage: UnknownLocality: Bent's Old Fort Marsh, a marsh on road HH and ^{East of Ft. Lyon} Elevation: 4100
a marsh west of Ft. Lyon on road HH.Nearest town: Ft. Lyon County: Otero and BentTime(s) observed: 2:30-3:30 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 minutes of heard only

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Chris Wood Walt HackneyJoey Kellner Greg ButcherDuane Nelson: (he heard 11 or more in June 1994)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Overcast during the time of observation, pitch black.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Car's onlyDistance, and how measured: 7-60 feetIf photographed, type of equipment and film: not

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

All six birds called from the marsh floor. We heard also 53 Virginia Rails and 10 Sora in the 4 marshes we went to in Otero and Bent Cos on May 7, 1994.
Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:We identified the birds by their "ki ki doo" song which we heard many times during the night of May 7, 1994. We did not see any of the birds.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): The birds sang from the marsh giving a ki ki doo call and one gave it territorial grunt call.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

In a fresh water marsh in SE Colorado. Cattails and bullrushes.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

All other birds do not make any calls like "ki ki doo" like the Black Rail.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I have seen one Black Rail on May 18, 1994 at Bent's Fort and heard 3 or 4 there in 1991. I heard 2 or more in 1992 at Bent's Fort.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation from memory _____

Date and time report was written: May 10, 1994 9:30 - 9:45 AM

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