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Date: Wed, 10 Feb 1999 10:26:22 -0700**From:** "Brandon K. Percival" <flammowl@juno.com> [Add to Address Book](#)**Subject:** rare bird form**To:** rednot@hotmail.com

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: _____

Species: Black Rail

Laterallus

jamaicensis

(Common Name)

(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: May 24, 1998.

Number of birds heard: one.

Sex: male(?).

Plumage: adult.

Exact location: In a marsh below Two Buttes Reservoir dam..

County: Baca.

Nearest town: Two

Buttes.

Length of Observation: five minutes. Time(s) of Observation:
during the morning.Other observers who heard the bird with you: Mark Janos, Bob Dickson,
and Dave Johnson.Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): David Silverman had
heard one at this location eariler in May.Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s) position]:
Sunny.

Optical equipment used: ears only.

Distance from bird (estimated unless otherwise noted): The bird was
within 20 feet.Was the bird photographed: none.
photos? n/a.

If so, have you submitted

Who took the photographs? n/a.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:
The bird was calling from a sedge marsh below Two Buttes Reservoir dam.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): The bird was calling from the marsh floor.

Describe the bird in detail: This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the (bird(s). Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, etc. That were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted: you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

The bird was giving a "ki ki doo" song. We did not see the bird.

Describe the bird's song and calls if heard:
Same as above "ki ki doo". It gave this songs several times.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:
Nothing sounds like a Black Rail. Their "ki ki doo" sounds are distinctive.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:
I have heard and seen Black Rails in Colorado from 1991 on in Bent and Otero County marshes. This is my first one for Baca County, Colorado.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced you identification (during and after observation):
None needed.

This report was made from notes taken during _____, or after X observation, or later from memory_____.

Reporting observer: Brandon K. Percival.

Signature: _____

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