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CFO-RC FILE # 2001-5

RESULTS:

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY)

SPECIES: ACORN WOODPECKER
(Common Name)

MELANERPES FORMICIVORUS
(Scientific Name)

DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION: JAN 18, 2001

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 8 SEX: UNKNOWN PLUMAGE: ADULT

EXACT LOCATION: MEADOW ROAD

COUNTY: LA PLATA NEAREST TOWN: DURANGO ELEVATION: 7000'

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 20 MINS TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: 10:30 - 10:50 am

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

JOHN VANDER POEL, SHARON DOOLEY

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

MANY, THE BIRDS HAVE BEEN RESIDENT HERE FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS.

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

BRIGHT SUNSHINE

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

20 - 60 X TELESCOPE

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 80 YDS

WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? _____ IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

ALL 8 BIRDS WERE IN A DEAD PONDEROSA PINE.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

THE BIRDS WERE REARRANGING THE ACORNS IN THEIR CACITE TREE.
VERSATILE, VERY SHORT FLIGHTS AND MUCH PREENING IN THE SUN.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE THE 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):

MEEDIUM SIZED WOODPECKERS. RED PATCH ON HEAD, WHITE FOREHEAD, CITIN AND LOWER ~~CHEEK~~ CHEEK. BACK OF FACE WAS DARK. LIGHT EYES WERE EASILY SEEN. DARK WINGS AND BACK, BUT WITH THE RUMP AND PATCHES IN OUTER WING SEEN IN FLIGHT. DARK UPPER BREAST, WHITE LOWER BREAST AND BELLY, WITH STREAKING ON THE FLANCS. THE EXTENT OF RED ON HEADS AND BIRDS GENDERS WAS NOT NOTED.

DESCRIBE BIRD'S CALL OR SONG:

None

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

WHITE RUMP, RED ON TOP OF HEAD, LOWER BREAST DISTINGUISH FROM WHITE-HEADED.
FACE, BREAST AND BACK COLORS DISTINGUISH IT FROM THE SAPSUCKERS.
FACE, BREAST AND BACK COLORS DISTINGUISH IT FROM DOWNY AND HAIRY.
FACE PATTERN DISTINGUISHES IT FROM ALL OTHER N. AMERICAN WOODPECKERS.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

HAVE SEEN ALL N. AMERICAN WOODPECKERS, MOST NUMEROUS TIMES.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

None used

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING OR AFTER OBSERVATION,
OR LATER FROM MEMORY ✓.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: JAN 18, 2001

REPORTING OBSERVER: PETER R. GENT

SIGNATURE: Peter R. Gent

OBSERVER ADDRESS: 55 S 35th St
Boulder,
Co 80305.

SEND REPORT TO:

COLORADO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

c/o BILL LISOWSKY
2919 SILVERPLUME DR.
FT. COLLINS, CO 80526

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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

CFO-RC FILE X:

RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Acorn Woodpecker	(Scientific Name) Melanerpes formicivorus
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Date(s) of occurrence: 1/18/01

Number of birds seen: Two	Sex: Males	Plumage: Adult
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Exact location: About ½ mile down Meadow Creek Rd.

County: La Plata	Nearest town: Durango	Elevation:
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Length of observation: 10 minutes	Time(s) of observation: Approx. 10 a.m.
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Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): MOB

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Sunny & clear
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Optical equipment used: Leica 8X42 Binoes & Swarovski scope with 20-60 zoom
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Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): ?
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Was bird(s) photographed? No	If so, have you submitted photos?
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Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Dead trees??
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Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification):
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Woodpecker type behavior, drilling in the tree trunk

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the 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 important 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 field notes): Red cap, white cheeks, black chin & forehead. White rump, white patches on outer wing.
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Describe bird's call or song:

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Very distinct woodpecker.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen several outside the state.
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List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): None

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> from memory

Date of written report: 5/1/01

Reporting observer: Rachel Kolokoff
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Signature: <i>Rachel Kolokoff</i>

Reporting Observer's Address: 1721 Cottonwood Pt. Dr.
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City: Ft. Collins

State: CO

Zip: 80524

Send report to:
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Tony Leukering
P.O. Box 157
Arvada, CO 80001

