

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Groove-Billed Ani crotophaga sulcirostris Number: _____
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: CF+I Res. Pueblo, Colo.
4. Date(s): October 15, 1975 5. Time bird seen: 5:00 6:5:04
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field.):
 About the size of a grackle, very long tail. Thick bill. Dull Black all over. ~~Tail feathers~~ spaces between the tail feathers. Flapped its wings very fast, but didn't fly very well, flew ruggedly. wings didn't extend to the tail.
7. Description of voice, if heard: 2 notes, 1st seemed to be longer than 2nd at times.
8. Description of behavior: was climbing or hopping on dead branches of the brushpile
9. Habitat - general: arid grass land
 specific: Brushpile, dry ditch, willows, Rabbit Brush, Gambel's
10. Similarly appearing species in which the bird was misidentified: Grackle: has a twin bill and the tail feathers aren't separated, has smoother flight.
11. Distance (how measured): 50-60 yds. approx. measured using (1st ch = 1 yd)
12. Optical equipment: 10x50 Binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
sky, clear, I was between the sun and the bird.
14. Previous experience with this species and/or similar species:
Never seen this species here. Grackles are very, very common
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
The 1st thing I saw that made me think it was unusual
16. Other observers: was the tail
NONE
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
"Field guide to Western Birds" confirmed my observations.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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(10) voice is completely different. Usually has some iridescence on head. It is glossy black, not dull black. Also has yellow ~~eye~~. Tail's looks shorter probably because the wings extend to the tail.