

Accepted JR 6/30/74

Species: PHAINOPEPLA phainopepla nitens
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): December 15, 1973 Time Bird Seen: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Locality: Eben & Fine Park near mouth of Boulder Canyon

Nearest Town: Boulder County: Boulder

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Paula H. Crockett</u>	<u>430 Maxwell</u>	<u>443-2494</u>
<u>Joel Hubbard</u>	<u>120 So. 35th</u>	<u>494-8838</u>

about 8 others over the next two days

Optical Equipment: 7x35 binoculars

Light Conditions: sunny to overcast - sun at observers' backs

Distance from Bird (how measured): 30-40 feet - mist net

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: immature - probably ♂

Overall Appearance and Size: slender, long-tail, crest, about like a

Townsend Solitaire, but charcoal gray and with crest;

no white on tail, very little on wings

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): short, slender dark

Legs (shape and color): gray

Crown and Forehead: crest

Eye (color): red brown

Nape: gray

Face: gray

Throat: gray

Breast and Sides: gray

Belly and Flanks: gray

Undertail Coverts: gray

Back: gray

Wings: gray, faint wing bars

Underwings: gray

Rump: gray

Uppertail Coverts: gray

Upper Side of Tail: gray

Under Side of Tail: gray

Shape of Tail: long

Voice: low, single whistle given occasionally

Behavior: preened, sunned, mostly sat in bushes; occasionally
"hawked" over the creek; ate wild grapes

Habitat: deciduous brush along creek

Prior Experience with this Species: Arizona, Texas

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? A Solitaire was also
present in the vicinity, however, there was no doubt
when we saw that crest

This Report was Written From: Notes made during ☒ after ☒ observation; Memory ☒

Signed: Allen B. Crockett Street Address: 430 Maxwell

Date Prepared: Jan 20, 1974 Town and State: Boulder Colo ZIP: 80302

Return to: JACK REDDALL - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110
 (USE REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET OR ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)