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Date (s): June 20-29, 1986 ¹⁹⁸⁶ Time Bird Seen: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pmLocality: La Baca Ranch, Frijoles, La Plata County, Colorado

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: female Plumage: grayLight conditions: bright sunDistance from bird, and how measured: 50-60' estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Chirped in black currant tree
along with other birds in cottonwood
for 5-10 min. then flew to
black currant tree.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

observed along with other birds in black currant tree
on rocky ground.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Immature than adults and slender
Bill and feet not as thick as flight
Scrapping crest
Longish tail
Red eyes

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--
i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

No sound

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Warbling Vireo - This one has no color and does not scrapple.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

See Warbling Vireo in summer and winter the times.

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Date (s): June 28, 1984 Time Bird Seen: 3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.Locality: La Brea Ranch, Ignacio, La Plata County, C

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Binooculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:

Number of birds seen: one Sex: female Plumage: dull grayLight conditions: CloudyDistance from bird, and how measured: 50 feet (estimated)

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

The bird fly from across road to this particular dead tree & perched there while we observed it.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

It was perched in old dead tree on a hill with brush & rock along the side.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

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Slender bird with longish tail. Dull gray with conspicuous crest which flew from across the road to the dead tree & perched there temporarily several times.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

None heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Waxwing - Less much more color & markings, consequently was able to eliminate them.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Previously have seen this bird in Durango at Sharon & Whitman Lewis's home as well as Waxwings

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