

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

Accepted (7-)

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Phainopepla (Vernacular Name) Phainopepla n. tons (Scientific Name)Date(s): Sept 29-30 1995Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: 2 Plumage: immature ♀Latilong: 8 Distribution Code: m Habitat Code: URBLocality: Redlands Elevation: 5000'Nearest town: Grand Jct County: MesaTime(s) observed: 9/29/95 40min 6:30 PM 9/30/95 5min
8:00 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 40min then 5min

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

M.O.B. & Vic Zerbi

(RHTC)

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Glaria Howard found the bird
in her yard

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

all directionsOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): binoculars
camera & scope
CFO Journal Vol 30 No 1 Jan 1996 - 2 pictures.Distance and how measured: 30 ft camera focusIf photographed, type of equipment and film: yes 500mmWho else photographed the bird: ?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

fly catching from scrub brush

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:

Size of Townsend's Solitaire and very similar
Color, shaggy crest - dark bill, blue bird like sky

I could not see the red eye ring!!

Description (continued): The dark gray-brown bird had light brown or grayish wing patches. The tail was long which gave the bird a real slender appearance

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

None heard

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Near a yard in a desert ~~spawning~~
Subdivision - PdJ ^{woodlands and} ~~nearby~~ the Colo
Nat. Mon.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Bird is unique.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I have observed many in
Arizona, S. Calif., New Mex & Texas

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: None

b) After observation: None

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____, from memory

Date and time report was written: Apr 2, 1996

Reporting observer: Gen Dexter Signature: Gen Dexter

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