

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: WHITE-NINED CROSSBILL Loxia leucoptera 2. Number: 522
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

3. Location: Kettle Creek at Shoup Road, Black Forest, Colorado (about
one mile west of Black Forest Community)

4. Date(s): 1 January, 1973 5. Time bird seen: ca 2 pm to

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):

Pink-Red head on males, white wing bars, crossed mandibles. No question about identification.

Reddish plumage caught eye as we were driving across creekbottom, very conspicuous on one male in particular. Walked back to bridge and verified suspected identification

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: Flock atop creekbottom aspen (or narrow-leaf cottonwood)

9. Habitat--general: creekbottom, atop aspen (or narrow-leaf cottonwood)
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Red crossbill - no white wing bars, smaller

11. Distance (how measured?): ca 75 feet (estimate)

12. Optical equipment: 9x40 Bushnell

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
overcast, snowy, sun southwest of bird; birds south of observers

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Have seen species once before in the field; have seen red crossbills

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? on many occasions

During the course of much winter field work have not seen species

16. Other observers: before in the wintertime. Not reported in Al Knorr's
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17. Did others agree with your identification?

Yes

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:

Peterson and Robbins Verified identification

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

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