

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM
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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: White winged Crossbill
 (Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): 23 June 1981

Sex: 207 19

Plumage: Adult

Number of birds seen: 1154 (3)

Elevation: 9150

Locality: Divide, Colorado

County: TELLER

Nearest town: Divide, Colo.

Time(s) observed: 8:15 - 8:30 AM

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 MINUTES & 30 SEC 20

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Tom Larcher 206 CRYSTAL PARK RD, Col. Springs, Co

Jim & Rosiewatts 3 NE 6TH STREET, Colorado Springs.

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

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):
Cloud cover 0%. BIRD WAS IN DIRECT LIGHT WEST OF ABOVE OBSERVERS

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X50 BINOCULARS 32X50 TELESCOPE

Distance, and how measured: FROM WHICH THE SITE IS LOCATED. TREE WAS APPROX 25-30' TALL

If photographed, type of equipment and film: 19 by Jim Wattis

Who else photographed the bird?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):
207 OBSERVED FLYING AWAY FROM AREA.

19 OBSERVED PREENING.

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:

RELATIVE SIZE (OVERALL) Shape - Sparrow-sized w/ heavy/bill & deeply forked tail

BILL - Mandibles crossed color BLACK FAIRLY LARGE IN PROPORTION TO THE HEAD,

TAIL - EXTENDING BEYOND WING TIPS. FAIRLY BROAD AND DEEPLY FORKED - SAME COLOR AS WINGS - DARK GRAY AND CONTRASTING WITH PALER RUMP.

RUMP olive in color and contrasting with DARKER wings AND RUMP.

BLOCKWING OLIVE-GRAY IN COLOR AND CONTRASTED LESS THAN RUMP WITH THE WING. (OVER) AND TAIL.

Description, (continued)

WING MORE OR LESS SAME COLOR AND SHADE AS
TAIL WITH TWO(2) DISTINCT WHITE WING BARS.

TORSOS & TOES BLACK IN COLOR

20's RUMP RED AND CONTRASTING WITH DARK WING & TAIL
wing should much white in flight.

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

SOFT FLIGHT CALL ~~heard as the 2 ♂ were observed~~
 ~~flying away, the one ♀ was silent.~~

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

General mixed Coniferous, NO Deciduous Forest- predominately
WHITE SPRUCE, DOUG FIR AND ASPEN, A FEW PONDEROSA PINE.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

TWO DISTINCT WHITE WING BARS - ABSENT IN RED CROSSBILL

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

White-winged crossbill 12-30 (7-♂ & ♀'s) at Castle Springs, 1981

Redcrossbill MOST RECENT FEW DAYS PRIOR TO OBSERVATION OF THE
white-winged crossbills

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

a) at time of observation:

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b) after observation:

This report was written from notes made during ✓, after observation; from memory .

Date and time report was written: 5 Aug 1981

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