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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGIST

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGIST'S SIGHT RECORD REPORT

CFO-ORC FILE # 26-74-116

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

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1st Pueblo Area Record

Species: Black-billed cuckooCoccyzus erythrophthalmus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): June 1, 1974Time Bird Seen: 8:00 AMto 8:05 AM ^{about 5 minutes}Locality: Pueblo Reservoir, 8 miles west of PuebloNearest Town: PuebloCounty: Pueblo

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Bob Steele

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Optical Equipment: 7x35 binoculars 20x45x scopeLight Conditions: at our back (sun) from inside car, bird directly in sunDistance from Bird (how measured): 30 to 40 ft camera lens used to measureNumber of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: adultOverall Appearance and Size: Slim and long tailed, very light colored breast, brown on back

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

Bill (shape and color): somewhat decurved; blackLegs (shape and color): not notedCrown and Forehead: brown + brownEye (color): darkNape: brownFace: white; bright orange-red eye ringThroat: whiteBreast and Sides: white + whiteBelly and Flanks: white + whiteUndertail Coverts: whiteBack: brownWings: brown, no rufous when it flewUnderwings: not seenRump: brownUppertail Coverts: brownUpper Side of Tail: brown, tipped with whiteUnder Side of Tail: brownish-black, with little white spots running down at intervalsShape of Tail: long; squared or slightly notchedVoice: not heardBehavior: Swinging itself in a small willow tree, also some pruningHabitat: River Bottom, cottonwoods, willows, Russian olives etc...

Prior Experience with this Species:

I've seen them in Illinois at several locations

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated?

yellow billed cuckoo: yellow bill; rust in wing; large white spots in tail, and no orange-red eye ringThis Report was written From: Notes made during ☒ after observation; Memory Signed: Don O. NisearStreet Address: 2510 ElizabethDate Prepared: Sept 17, 1974Town and State: Pueblo, ColoradoZIP 81003