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Black-billed Cuckoo

1 second year bird. Banded 0692-85393

27 May 2002

Observed in hand for 15 minutes and videotaped. It is very troublesome to get stills from my non-digital video so I also plucked a single rectrix which should be definitive for identification.

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A relatively small *Coccyzus* cuckoo. Brownish-gray above and grayish-white below. Small all dark bill that was paler ventrally. The most distinctive part of the bird was the red bare skin of the orbital ring. Also distinctive was the tail pattern on the tips of the rectrices. Just a blurry paler crescent of gray was noted on the ventral tip of each feather. See enclosed feather. This feather should be scanned or photocopied before being sent out on rounds.

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Dorsal View of LR6



Ventral View of LR6