
- New State Record - Rare bird in CO

Carolina Wren
(Species)

Thryothorus ludovicianus
(Scientific name)

Date(s): December 28, 1991 3:20-3:30 PM, January 1, 1992
9:00AM-10:30AM, January 4, 1992 9:00AM-9:30AM.
I observed the bird for a total of 1 hour, the comes in
and out. The bird has been seen from December 28, 1991 to at
least January 22, 1992.

Locality: Map follows report.
Ken Wahl's House
8960 Davis St.
Beulah, CO

Beulah, Colorado Pueblo Co.
(Nearest town, county and state)

Optical equipment: 7x35 Bushell Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: Not
Photographed

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: adult

Light Conditions: excellant

Distance from bird and how measured: 15-20 feet (When
looking at bird at feeder, estimated)

Describe the bird's overall behavior: When I first
observed the bird it flew in from the stream area. The
bird flew into a pine tree located above the stream, I
looked at the bird for a minute above me, at that time I
identified the bird as a Carolina Wren (a lifer for me),
then the wren flew to a suet feeder. At that time I looked
at the bird for 5 minutes until the bird flew upstream. The
bird continued to come to this feeder for several days and
seen by many.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
Riparian, with cottonwoods, and willows. A running mountain
stream, with ice in spots. With conifers surrounding area.

Other observers who independently identified the bird
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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. The field marks used to identify the bird. Include Size, overall shape, plumage, and color pattern; details on shape of bill, wings, and tail.: I indentified the bird by bright white eyeline, and red back and tail, and by the buff color below. The bird was an inch larger than a Mountain Chickadee which was hanging around the Carolina Wren. The bird was 5 1/2 in length. When tail held straight up, it looked fairly long. The shape of the bird was like all typical wrens with long bill down curved at base. The bird was in adult plumage. The bird was reddish or reddish brown on head, back, wings, and tail. The head had a large bright white eyeline over the eye. At the eye a brownish color brownish color was observed. The bill was light at lower mandible and darker at base at upper mandible. The bird had a white throat, The tail was large and red with no white, and the shape of the tail looked squared. The underneath parts were buff colored. The undertail coverts were buff as well. The wings shape were like all the wrens an oval shape.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds if heard: The bird sang continulessly a tea-kettle, tea-kettle, tea kettle sound and also heard was a harsh wren sounding call note.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:
Bewick's Wren: Because they have a gray back, duller underneath parts, and they have white in tail.

Prior experience with this and similar species: I've never seen a Carolina Wren before. I've seen many Bewick's Wrens in Colorado.

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

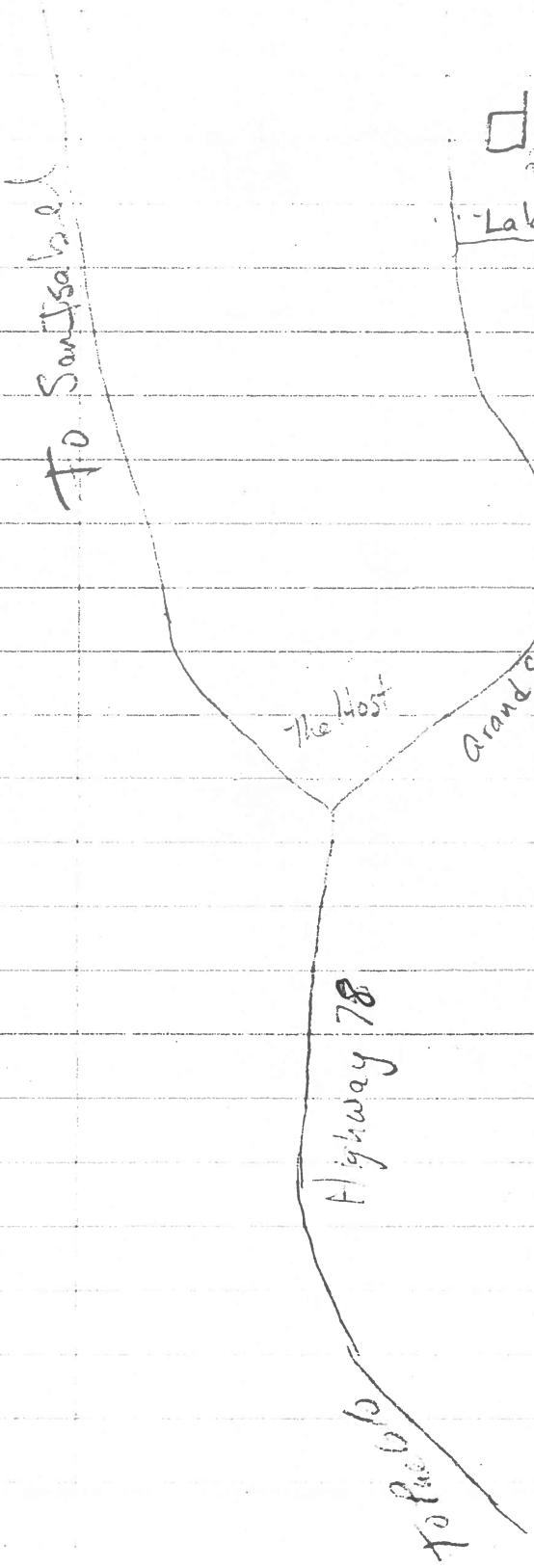
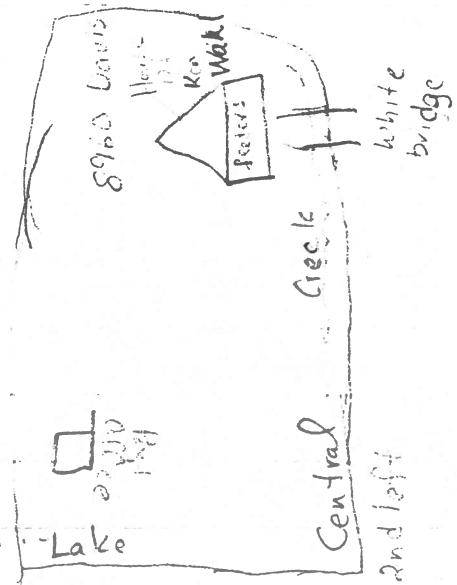
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Beulah Colorado Map

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS RARE BIRD REPORT

SPECIES: Carolina WrenSCIENTIFIC NAME: Thryothorus ludovicianusNUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: - PLUMAGE: adultDATE(S) SEEN: Jan 5, 1992 TIME(S) SEEN: ~9:00 a.m. for 2 minutesLOCALITY: Private home in Beulah, Colo.NEAREST TOWN/COUNTY: Beulah, Colo. / PuebloOPTICAL EQUIPMENT: B&L Elite 10x42PHOTOGRAPHED: YES NO ✓ PHOTO SENT WITH REPORT: YES NO LIGHT CONDITIONS: Sunny, but bird usually in shade on porchESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM BIRD: 25'-75'WHO FIRST OBSERVED BIRD? (?) Private homeowner, previously seen by:OTHER OBSERVERS: Brandon Percival, David Silverman, Bob Dickson, Van Tress, Dave JohnsonREPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING ✓, OR AFTER OBSERVATIONS.

HABITAT IN WHICH BIRD OBSERVED:

Bird feeders (suet & seed) on front porch of mountain home. Semi-open yard with large evergreens. Yard bordered by creek with running water and growth of small to medium deciduous trees.

BIRD'S BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS: The bird flew to the front porch from the direction of the creek. It briefly stayed hidden under the porch & called twice. Then it hopped onto the floor of the ~~porch~~ porch and tilted upward to peer at the suet feeder. It then flew up and fed on the suet with its rather long curved bill; then flew off.

BIRD'S CALLS OR SONG:

Twice gave a harsh "churr" note.

Describe in great detail the bird(s) that you saw. Emphasize the essential field marks that you used to identify the bird(s). Include general size, shape, plumage and color pattern. Add information on the shape, size and color of bill, head, upper and undersides, back, rump, wings, tail, legs and feet and any other details that were helpful or essential to the identification.

This was a small bird, about 5" long, but rather large for a wren. Crown, back, wings and tail (uppersides) reddish-brown. There was indistinct blackish checkering on wings. Tail barred brown and back. Vague buffy wingbars. Throat white. Belly and flanks rich buff. Undertail coverts barred black and white. There was a strong, long white supercilium curving back nearly to the nape. The cheek and earpatch were grayish. Bill rather long, slender and downcurved. Tail medium length and cocked up when the bird was on the porch.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

White eyeline, cocked tail, brown color and thin decurved bill indicate a wren.

House Wren lacks white throat, white eyeline, is smaller.

Winter Wren is smaller, has very short tail & lacks white throat & eyeline.

Bewicks Wren not buffy below, has long wagging tail which is tipped white.

Sedge & Marsh Wren have black & white backs, are less reddish & smaller.

Canyon Wren is spotted, lacks white supercilium, as does Rock Wren.

Prior experience that you have with this and similar species:

I've seen all N.A. Wrens.

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