

CFO Rare Bird Form

28-93-108

- New State Record - X - Rare or Unusual bird in
----- Colorado.

Spotted Owl
(Species)

Strix occidentalis
(Scientific name)

Date(s):

May 8, 1993 3:00-3:30 AM (Heard only)

Locality:

Wet Mountains, on 12 mile Road just east of Mesde Road, and
on Mesde Road, Pueblo County, Buelah, Colorado.

Nearest town, county and state)

Optical equipment:

Ears only.

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:

Not Photographed.

Number of birds Heard: 2 Sex: unknown Plumage: adult

Light Conditions:

Full moon clear to partly cloudy.

Distance from bird and how measured:

Probably the first bird 100 yards.

Second bird 150 yards.

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

The birds gave their call about 4 times.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

The birds were heard in conifer trees of pines and spruce.

Other observers who independently identified the bird

(Please list names and address):

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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 identified the birds by their three noted dog barking
notes that the birds gave.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds if heard:

The birds gave a three noted dog barking notes.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Barred Owl: Because there call is a whoo-cook's for you al
total sex's can

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I've seen one Spotted Owl in Arizona in 1957 and heard one
give the same call I described in 1970 in the Wet Mountains
in Colorado.

I've never seen a Barred Owl.

References used during and after sighting:

Field Guide to the Birds of North America by the National
Geographic Society

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

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