

## 2002-26

CFO-RC FILE X:

### RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name)White-winged Crossbill (Scientific Name) *Loxia leucoptera*

Date(s) of occurrence: Jan 4 2002

Number of birds seen: one Sex: male Plumage:1st year

Exact location: feeders at Duane Nelsons house, Las Animas

County: Bent Nearest town: Las Animas Elevation: ? 3800 feet

Length of observation: 4 minutes Time(s) of observation: 11:55 to 11:59 A.M.

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Duane Nelson

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): mob

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: sunny, light winds, temps in the 30's

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10x40

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 20 feet

Was bird(s) photographed? yes If so, have you submitted photos? yes

Who took the photographs? Ric Olson

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Yard feeder

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): standing in a feeder eating black oil sunflower seeds

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes):

The bird was about the size of near by House Finches. The bill was obviously crossed, with the maxilla being crossed to the right and the mandible to the left. The crown, nape, upper back, neck, throat and breast were a brownish salmon color. The crown was more flecked with black than the rest. The lores were dark, the eyes black and there was a dark triangular patch behind the eye in the auriculars. The lower back, flanks, upper and lower tail coverts were a light brown, heavily streaked. The tail was brown. No patterning was noticed on the tail. The folded wings were a dark brown, almost black in the median coverts and lighten toward the light brown primaries. There were two white wing bars, the lower bar was more pronounced than the upper. Leg color was not noted. Describe bird's call or song: none  
Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Red Crossbill was eliminated by the bold white wing bars.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen way more WWCrossbills than Red Crossbills.

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide to Birds.

This report is from notes made during video or after observation or later from memory

Date of written report: March 4 ,2002

Reporting observer: Signature: Ric Olson

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